

the preservation of the lives and Estates of all such persons and therefore should not submit myselfe to any such unlawful authority as I take yours to be Thereupon they demanded of me who was their Majestys lawful authority heere I answered I was as being an Officer under the Lord Baltimore until their Majestys pleasure should be otherwise lawfully made knowne, then they ordered the souldiers to take me away a while and soone after ordered my bringing againe before them with M^r Smith and M^r Bother telling us it was the Order of the House that we must find good and sufficient security to be bound for us to answer before their Majestys' Comissioners lawfull authority what should be objected against us and in the meane time be of good behaviour To which we answered their authoritys we lookt upon not lawfull to force us to give any bonds & that we had Estates in this Countrey sufficient to oblige our staying to answer what any lawful authority could object against us Then we were againe ordered away to M^r Lyneses with a guard to keepe us prisoners still & afterwards haveing considered with ourselves wee informed them by M^r Johns and severall of them themselves speakeing with us that we would give them what bonds they pleased for our answering what should be objected against us by any lawfull authority leaveing out the Clause of good behaviour for that we knew they would make anything they pleased breach of good behaviour and under pretence of that trouble us againe at their pleasure but that would not do so at the adjourning of the Assembly we were all ordered by them to be kept in safe custody of M^r Gilbert Clarke whom they made Sheriff of Charles County, untill we should give bond as above required which is the whole substance hitherto proceeded on that is knowne to your humble servant to command

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14th Sept^r 1689.

Charles Towne in Charles
County where we are & are
like to remaine till——

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Maryland. 1689.

Letter to M^{rs} Smith about Capt: Smith
Rec^d 16th Dec^r 1689.

Mem: The 14th Sept^r 1689. Capt: Coade mustered all the men of S^t Maryes County at Chopticoe & did then & there order that all protestant servants & freemen should appeare there at Chopticoe that day fortnight with provision for a march into Anarundell County & those that were provided armes to bring them with them & those that were not should there be furnished with the County Armes.