


Vassalboro Sept. 13. 1775

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Description: Letter from Denis Getchell and Samuel Barry, copied by Hobby Remington about the condition of the route of Benedict Arnold's March to Quebec through Maine.

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