

Original Journal. As to the houses adjourning to the Speakers Chamber, we had your Ex^{cys} consent thereto as appears upon our Journall the 16th March 1697/8.

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As also the like Errors in sending for the Right honble Sr Tho^s Laurence Secry.

We have appointed M^r Philip Clarke and M^r W^m Taylard to p^ruse and consult Books to draw up Certaine forms of oaths, for the severall officers to take and the Grand Jury's charge ag^t the next sessions of Assembly.

As to the 40000^l of Tobo. left upon the Comittee of acc^{ts} Journall are put in 20000^l tob. att your Ex^{c^y} Instance and the other 20000^l Tob: we designe to pay his Matys Councillor^s and those that apportion the publick leavy but rather then we will admitt of any novelty we are willing it should not be left upon the Journall.

Resolved the following Message be sent to his Ex^{c^y}

By the house of Delegates April 2^d 1698.

We have maturely considered the Severall proposalls and remarkes by your Ex^{c^y} made to us this afternoon in the Stadt house as also our Severall proceedings and Resolves votes and Messages and do find them to be so humble modest and reasonable that we see no reason that we should recede from them but will leave them upon our Journall onely beg leave in answer to those following remarkes to acquaint your Ex^{c^y} that as to the word Serj^t att arms it was a meer mistake and should have been a messenger in the nature of a Serj^t at arms.

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And as to the 40000^l Tobacco 20000^l of it was putt in att your Ex^{cys} Instance and the other 20000^l we designed to pay