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Journal. Esq goe to his Excellency the Govern^r and signify their choice of their Clarke and humbly desire he may be sworne and quallified. They returne and say they saw him sworne.

Upon Calling over this house they finde that M^r James Round a member of this house for Somerset County is lately dec'd.

Therefore orderd that warrant be prepared to the honble Secretary to make out a writt for Election of a Member to serve in his place and stead.

M^r Speaker is desired by this house to prepare answer to his Ex^{cy}s Speech to be ready here to morrow morning.

Of the Committee of Elections and Privileges are appointed M^r Thomas Greenfield, M^r Elisha Hall, M^r Phillēmon Loyd M^r Sam^l Sicklemore M^r Hugh Ecclestone.

The house adjournes till tomorrow morning 7 a clock

Fryday 9th May 1701

The house were called over and p^rsent as yesterday only M^r Jacob Loockerman Sick

The answer to his Ex^{cy}s Speech by the Honble Speaker prepared and brought into the house and the same being read and approved of was ordered to be drawne over faire w^{ch} follows viz^t

May it please yo^r Ex^{cy}

The Easiness which his Maty^s Subjects in this province were imediately sencible of at the first comencing of yo^r Governm^t and the exact constancy of it in its progress assures us that it is the innate and Genuine Disposition of yo^r Ex^{cy} to felicitate the people under your Conduct and as we have found your Ex^{cy} allways and at all times Iust and prudent in publick affaires and sincere and candid in personall soe shall you find a cheerfull obedience and Ingenuous dealing from us and a perfect desire to avoid the least flaw of Contention and inviolably to maintaine that p^rfect harmony and Correspondence which hitherto we have kept and had the same thought with yo^r Ex^{cy} and Councill that the usuall method of Messuage and Conference Conduces much thereto

Neither the disolucon of the last Assembly nor any Act of your Ex^{cy} hath been Displeasing to us and alltho' at this present meeting you may see some new faces yett you shall finde in the whole the old disposicon to his Maty^s Service and the good of this province w^{ch} we hope will never look differing ways