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Journal. Compliance with his Mat<sup>ys</sup> Lre. for his regards to this province have been very perticular and he is now about giving me a further Testimony of it by taking us in his more imediate protexion by Act of Parliam<sup>t</sup>

As for the danger of the comon enemy that seems to threaten us Providence has been Liberall in blessing us with a prince that will vigourously in his owne p<sup>r</sup>son defend us and not appeare at the head of his Army by Proxey as most other princes doe.

Gent:

I have now been three yeares among you and must with great Satisfaction owne the good concord wee have had, and and if I have at any time departed from that Justice. Honour and Integrity incumbent on me pray vpraide me with it that I may avoid it for the future for I have examined myselfe and am not in the least concious that I have been ever wanting in my constant endeavours of an vnbiassed pursuite of the true Interests of his Maj<sup>tys</sup> and the Inhabitants of this province

What other things I hold myselfe enjoyned to consult you in shalbe done by way of Messuage as usuall and is referred till to morrow morning

Which said Speech being ended M<sup>r</sup> Speaker and the rest of the members returne to the house and M<sup>r</sup> Speaker tooke the chaire.

Resolved that the former Rules of this house be observed and kept dureing this Sessions

The house adjournes till to morrow morning Seaven a Clock

Dies Martis March 17<sup>th</sup> 1701/2

The House mett againe and were called over Present as Yesterday His Ex<sup>cy</sup> Speech being read. Ordered the same be read againe in a full house

It being moved in the house that Whereas Kent County Court is neere at hand and forasmuch as there are not sufficient Justices in the County to hold a Court unless a member of this house one of the Justices of the said Court be permitted to goe into the said County to supply that defect,

It is thereupon Resolved that a bill be prepared for adjournment of the said County Court till the first Tuesday in Aprill next and that the same be recommended to the Com<sup>ee</sup> of Lawes for that purpose

It being mooved by a member the great hardships of the publick officers for not recovering their fees in due time for want of regulateing the Law Therefore resolved that M<sup>r</sup> Ken: Cheseldyne, M<sup>r</sup> William Hutchison and M<sup>r</sup> Richard Tilghman