

Original Journal. satisfied the next Leavy. And if not then compleate, the remaind<sup>r</sup> to be considered of and Satisfied by the next Sessions of Assembly. To all w<sup>ch</sup> this house agreed.

The peticōn of Evan Jones Clk: of this Parrish was read and is Rejected. The house adjournes till to morrow morning 7 a Clock.

Dies Mercurij. 25 March 1702.

The house againe mett and being called over

Were all present as Yesterday.

The Message brought in yesterday w<sup>th</sup> a Cobby of a paragraph of a Lre: was read as foll.

A Cobby of a paragraph of the R<sup>t</sup> Hon: the Lords Commiss<sup>r</sup> of trade and plantacōns Lre: to his Ex<sup>cy</sup> the Gov<sup>r</sup> of the 4<sup>th</sup> of Sep<sup>r</sup> 1701.

Wee wonder the Assembly should not thinke fitt to constitute an Agent for Soliciting there affaire here, there are many occasions tho' not at our Board in w<sup>ch</sup> business cannot be done without some charge and great inconveniencys have often arrizen by the delay of reports upon some Laws and otherwise, all w<sup>ch</sup> will growe worse and worse if some fitt person be not appointed to looke after such like matters.

By the Councill in Assembly March 24<sup>th</sup> 1701/2

Gent:—

Wee have sent you the Cobby of a Paragraph of the hono<sup>r</sup> the Lords of trade and Plantacōns Lre: to his Ex<sup>cy</sup> the Gov<sup>r</sup> by which you may perceive, how deficient their said Lordsp<sup>s</sup>: doe thinke wee are to our selves in not appointing some fitt person to Sollicite our affaires in England which are often times delayed and sometimes wholly miscarry for want thereof.

Wherefore in regard his Ex<sup>cy</sup> our p<sup>r</sup>sent Gov<sup>r</sup> is now shortly intended for England of whose provident care wee have all possible assureance and is willing to take that trouble upon him proposeing for one yeares time to bestow his application therein Gratis for the good will he has for the Countrey and afterwards at the rate of one hundred and Twenty pounds Sterling per annum, or if you shall thinke that too much, upon such termes as you yo<sup>r</sup> selves shall thinke fitt and to continue in such agency untill the Assembly shall by their Lre: Signify that they have noe longer occasion for to make use of him.