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you cannot be kinder to yourself than by shewing your ready
Compliance with his Majesty. For his regards to this Province
have been very particular and he is now about giving me a further
Testimony of it by taking me in his more immediate Protection by Act
of Parliament.

As for the danger of the Common Enemy that seems to threaten us
Providence has been Liberal in blessing us with a Prince that will
Vigourously in his own Person defend us and not appear at the Head
of his Army by Proxy as most other Princes do.

Gents.

I have now been three years among you and must
with great Satisfaction own the good Concord we have had, and
if I have at any time departed from that Justice, Honour and
Integrity incumbent on me pray (I pray) excuse me with it that I may
avoid it for the future for I have Examined myself and am not
in the least conscious that I have been ever wanting in my constant
Andeavour of an unbiased pursuit of the true Interests of his Majesty
and the Inhabitants of this Province.

What other things I hold myself enjoyned to Consult you in
shall be done by way of Message as usually we and is referred till to
Morrow Morning.

Which said Speech being ended Mr. Speaker and the rest
of the Members returne to the House and Mr. Speaker tooke the Chair.

Resolved that the former Rules of this House be observed
and kept during this Session.

The House adjourned till to Morrow Morning Seven a Clock.
Dies Martis March 17th 170^{1/2}.

The House mett againe and were called over.
Present as Yesterday. His Excell^{ty}s 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 nere at hand and for as much 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 the
adjournment of the said County Court till the first Tuesday in April
next and that the same be recommended to the Committee of Lawes
for that purpose.

It being moved by a Member the great Hardship of the publick
Officers for not recovering their fees in due time for want of regulating
the Law. Therefore Resolved that Mr. Ken. Cheseldyne, Mr. William