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Lastly it is demanded of the house to make answer whether all their members were privy and consenting to the above mentioned address (nemine Contradicente) as in the same they seem to set forth.

Signed p order
Hen: Denton Ck: Council.

House adjourned 2 hours. Post Merediem house mett, and called over. M^r Harris and the rest of the gentlemen appointed to conferr with the hon^{ble} Council about the Bill for appointing Court days, Reporte to the house that the amendment proposed in the bill appointing court days is that Aug^t Court should be left out and that the County Courts should be held in february and March yearly.

Resolved that it be an Instruction to the said Gen^t of the said Conference not to consent to any further alteration in the said Bill, then the incerting the words to his most Sacred Maty:

The house adjourned till to morrow morning at 7 Clock, to M^r Speakers Chamber.

Fryday March the 25th 1698.

House mett, and called over, then read over what was done Yesterday. Resolved the following message be sent to his Ex^{cy} and his Maty^s hon^{ble} Council.

By the house of Delegates March the 25th 1698.

We have rec^d your Ex^{cy} answer to our address in relation to his Maty^s Lawyers, wherein your Ex^{cy} seems to reflect as if this house was partiall in representing the Grievances of this province, when att the same time your Ex^{cy} is sencible that a Bill is passed by this house to prevent that grievance you make mention of in your answer as for his Maty^s prerogative we hope we shall have the same regard att all times as we hope for our own rights and priviledges, we were in great hopes to have had a more Satisfactory answer from your Ex^{cy} upon so great an infringem^t upon our rights and Libertyes. But we have done our dutyes in representing the same to your Ex^{cy} and shall proceed no further then by leaving our vote upon our Journall to assert that Right and Liberty which before this time was never Questioned from the very first seating and Inhabiting of this province. as to your Ex^{cy} demand whether all the members were privy and consenting to our address is so unparliamentary that we must beg your Ex^{cy} to excuse our not answering.

We are with all dutyfull respects. Your Ex^{cy} most obedient Serv^{ts}

Signed p order
W Bladen Ck: house Delegates.