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Mr. Mr. Bladen Clerk of his Maty's Hon<sup>ble</sup> Council Enter the house and presents severall papers to Mr. Speaker.

Ordered that the same be referred till to Morrow Morning.

The house adjournes till to Morrow Morning Eight of Clock.

Dies Martij Novemb<sup>r</sup> 2<sup>o</sup> 1698.

The house met and were called over, and were absent Mr. Philip Clarke, Mr. Geo. Ashman and Mr. Mr. Hensley.

Read over what was done yesterday.

Mr. Hicks, Mr. Boyman, Mr. Collins, Major Smallwood, Mr. Hawkins and Major Lowe say they declined the message by them sent.

The message yesterday made concerning the Roofe of the Church and referred till this morning was debated and ordered that the Committee that was especially appointed to inspect the Publick Charge of Building be consider thereof.

Put to the vote for as much as there is no post within this province, whether a bill shall be prepared to allow the Sheriffs of the severall Counties a certaine Sallery for the dispatching all Letters and packets as shall be for his Maty's Service.

Carried Memorie Contradictorie in the affirmative.

Ordered that the Committee of Lawes prepare such bill and to consider therein the trouble which some Sheriffs may have more than others in the dispatching Letters and packets.

Mr. Edward Lloyd brings in the bill which he was ordered yesterday to prepare.

A Bill for the punishment of Fornicators and Pyrates, read the first time.

A Bill for Impowering the Churchwardens, Vestymen, and severall more of the Parishes to assess the Parishes for repairing Churches, read the first time.

The message yesterday brought by the Hon<sup>ble</sup> Lord: Henry Jowles and Thomas Brookes Esq<sup>r</sup> and referred till this morning was read.  
By his Ex<sup>ty</sup> the Gov and Council in assembly Oct<sup>r</sup> 1<sup>o</sup> 1698.

Recommended to the house that they will appoint some of their members to joyne with Lord: Jowles and Esq<sup>r</sup> Brookes to examine and Margent the Lawes transcribed according to the directions of the Right Hon<sup>ble</sup> the Lord of the Council for Trade and Foreignes Plantations and that care be taken to have the same copied according to the agreement with his hon<sup>ble</sup> Lord: Jowles and Maj<sup>r</sup> Hammond.

Ordered that Capt. Hill, and Major Small be joyned with those of his Maty's Hon<sup>ble</sup> Council to examine and Margent the Lawes provided that they draw up first the bill ordered them to prepare and that they be no longer thereon then this house shall sitt this Jefferson.