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Resolved, That the said *Hercules Coats* be Reprimanded by the Speaker, at the Bar of this House.  
The said *Hercules Coats* being brought to the Bar, and having confess'd the said Offence, was Reprimanded by the Speaker in the following Words:

Mr. Coats,

When sitting at the Bar of this House confessed, that you, as Sheriff of Kent County, have been Guilty of a manifest Neglect of your Duty, in being absent and intoxicated with Liquor the greatest Part of the Time between the Opening and Closing of the Polls, at the late Election of Representatives to serve in this General Assembly for said County; it is the unanimous Opinion of this House, that you be Reprimanded by me at the Bar of the House, and that you ought to receive very severe Treatment, in order to deter other Sheriffs from being Guilty of Breaches of their Duty in Affairs of so great Importance and Concern to the Community; but yet, in Consideration of your late Circumstances, and in Compassion to your numerous Family, this House is inclined to exercise Justice with the greatest Lenity, and in a Manner which will least affect your unhappy Relatives; and I do Reprimand you accordingly, in Hopes the mild Treatment you have received, will raise in you a proper Sense of the Gratitude you owe to this House, and have a happy Influence on your future Conduct. You are discharged from any further Attendance on this House, upon Payment of the Fees due to the Officers thereof.

Ordered, That Mr. Goldsborough, Mr. Murdock, and Col. Henry, be a Committee to Tax the Fees which have accrued due to the Officers of this House and Others, on the Petition of *Richard Gresham* and Others, and that they make Report thereof to the House.

Mr. *Matthew Tilghman*, Mr. *Bracco*, Mr. *Lloyd*, Mr. *Cockey Deye*, Mr. *Edward Gantt*, Mr. *John Hammond Dorsey*, Mr. *James John Mackall*, Mr. *King*, and Mr. *Hammond*, have Leave of the House to go home.  
The House adjourns until Monday Morning at IX of the Clock.

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M O N D A Y, October 10, 1757.

THE House met according to Adjournment: The Members were called, and all appeared as on Saturday, except Mr. *Reynolds*, Mr. *Hanson*, Mr. *James John Mackall*, Capt. *Gaffarway*, Mr. *Govane*, Mr. *John Hammond Dorsey*, Mr. *Cockey Deye*, and Mr. *King*.

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, That Mr. *Hanson* informed him on Saturday, after the House rose, That he had received a Letter, intimating the bad State of Health of his Wife and Family, and desired his Excuse might be made to the House for his Departure; which Excuse was admitted by the House; and Ordered, That his Leave of Absence be Entered on the Journal.

The House adjourns until II of the Clock Afternoon.

Post-Meridiam. The House met according to Adjournment, &c.

Mr. *Frank* appeared in the House.

Mr. *Matthew Tilghman*, Mr. *Woodward*, Mr. *Plater*, Mr. *Wilson*, and Mr. *Earle*, have Leave of the House to be absent To-morrow.

The House adjourns until the Morrow Morning at IX of the Clock.

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T U E S D A Y, October 11, 1757.

THE House met according to Adjournment: The Members were called, and all appeared as Yesterday, except Mr. *Matthew Tilghman*, Mr. *Plater*, Mr. *Earle*, Mr. *Woodward*, and Mr. *Wilson*. The Proceedings were Read.

Mr. *B. Marshall*, Mr. *Govane*, Mr. *J. Hammond Dorsey*, Mr. *Cockey Deye*, and Mr. *King*, appeared in the House.

On Reading and Considering his Excellency's Message of the 7th Instant, relative to sending out some Militia to patrol on the Frontiers for Protection of the Inhabitants, Resolved Unanimously, That there is no Necessity at present for sending out the Militia, as there are Forces now in the Pay of this Province more than sufficient to Guard the Frontier Inhabitants thereof.

Ordered, That an Address be prepared to his Excellency accordingly; and that *Philip Hammond*, Esq; Col. *Tilghman*, and Mr. *Edward Dorsey*, do prepare and bring in the same.

The House adjourns until II of the Clock Afternoon.

Post-Meridiam.