

by Col. Calvert and Mr. Fitzherbert.

This House received a paper from the Lower House in these words
 Viz. Wednesday the 29th day of March 1674

At the Lower House of Assembly

It being moved by a Member of this House that some persons elected by these respective Counties to serve as Members for the said County in this present General Assembly have voluntarily absented themselves in Contempt of his Lordship's Writt

And the Question being put whether this House shall put a fine upon the members absent or not without the Advice and Consent of the upper House? It passed in the Affirmative, by the major part of the House to impose a Mulet for any offence committed against this House

The House thereupon took into their Consideration the Default of Mr. James Browne who being elected as one of the Deputy Delegates of Baltimore County and being summoned by his Lordship's Writt hath not attended his Service of the Country in this General Assembly but in Contempt of his Lordship's said Writt and this House hath taken a Voyage for New England

And having resolved in the Affirmative that his Lordship's said Writt with the Limitations & Directions therein were sufficient to Capacitate the Freemen of each County of this Province to Elect their several Members or Representatives to serve in this Assembly the Persons so Elected being Qualified as in the Writt is mentioned And it being also upon the question put Resolved and Adjudged by this House that the said James Browne was duly Elected and yet that he departed in Contempt without sufficient Licence

This House proceeded to his Fine

Ordered thereupon that the said James Brown be for his Contempt of fined forty pounds Sterling

The Question put how the said Fine should be levied & to whom paid when levied

Passed in the Affirmative of the major Part that the said Fine of 40 Sterling should be Levied out of the Estate of the said James Brown in this Province the one moiety to the use of his Lordship the Lord Proprietor & the other moiety thereof to the use of the publick