

The House thereupon took into their Consideration the Default of Mr James Browne Who being Elected as one of the Deputys & 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

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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 af^d fined forty pounds Sterling

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

Passed in the Affirmative of the major Part that the said Fine of 40^s Sterling should be Levyed 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

This House having reassumed the debate concerning the fine aforesaid, and the Question being put if it were not necessary to acquaint his Honour the Cap^t General and the Upper House with the Resolves and Vote of this House touching the said Fine & the Disposition thereof and to desire their Concurrence therein and Assent thereunto And a Member of this House moving that the said Moiety of the said Fine to be Levyed and paid to the publick Use may be employed towards the Building of a Prison at St Marys

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Resolved in the Affirmative Nemine Contradicente that It is necessary to acquaint his Honour & the Upper House with these Votes and Resolves and to desire their Assent thereunto. And Ordered that M^r Henry Adams M^r Luke Gardiner M^r John Bolls & M^r Henry Tripp do Carry up the said Resolves and Votes of this House and desire their Concurrence therein and Assent thereunto And that the same Member do also Carry up the Petition of M^r Henry Tripp with the Answer of this House thereupon—

Signed by order of the Lower House of Assembly
Robert Carville Clk