

Lib. L. L. An Act Imposing a fine on Edward Dorsey Convicting him  
 P. 332 of a Debt of Three hundred Thirty three pounds Six Shillings & Eight Pence to the King and Imposing a fine on the Sherriffs of Cecill and Talbott Countys.

Whereas Edward Dorsey of Ann Arundell County Gent had heretofore Covenanted and agreed with Coll Francis Nicholson late Governor of this Province and others to build and finish a Certain Church att the Porte of Annapolis before the thirtieth day of November 1697 and afterwards by the honorable Assembly a further time was allowed the Said Edward Dorsey Viz. till the thirtieth of November 1698 And for that the said Dorsey hath alltogether Neglected and desisted from building & finishing the said Church for which Neglect the Said Dorsey being Called before the house of Delegates and after Examination it being put to his Choice whether he would Stand Tryall in an Action that should be Comenced against him for not keeping his Covenant or that he would Submitt to Such fine as the Generall Assembly would Impose and lay upon him Answered That he would and did Submitt to such fine Provided he might for ever after be discharged from building & finishing the said Church and thereupon the house of Delegates did fine the said Edward Dorsey Two hundred pounds Sterling to his Maty his heires and Successors to Such use and uses as the next Generall Assembly shall Direct to which his Excellency and Councill Concurred Be it therefore Enacted by the Kings most Excellent Ma<sup>ty</sup> by and with the Advice and Consent of this present Generall Assembly and the Authority of the Same that the said Dorsey his Executors and Administrators be and are hereby discharged of building and finishing the Said Intended to be built Church and that the said Edward Dorsey his heires Executors and Administrators shall well and truly make payment of the said Two hundred pounds and of every part and parcell thereof to M<sup>r</sup> Robert Mason publick Treasurer of the Western Shore or to the Publick Treasure of the Western Shore for the time being to be Employed to such use or uses as the Generall Assembly shall hereafter appoint and to the End the said of Two hundred pounds may be most Certainly Paid Be it Enacted that if the Said Edward Dorsey do not make his Personall Appearance on or before the Tenth day of August next att Annapolis before his Excellency Nathaniel Blakiston Esq<sup>r</sup> and there-with Two Sufficient Suretys give Bond or recognizance in his Matys name to the uses aforesaid of Double the Sume with Condition that the said Edward Dorsey shall Pay the said Two hundred pounds within Two years next to Come after this Present Sessions att Two Severall Equall payments

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