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Bible received from Friends of Great Britain were continued.

The Committee continued at last Meeting to prepare a Memorial to be presented to the ensuing General Assembly of Maryland, on the subject of Lotteries, produced an essay ^{which} was approved, being as follows, viz:

"To the General Assembly of Maryland."

"This Memorial respectfully sheweth,

That your Memorialists are a body of persons denominated a "Meeting for Sufferings," and represent during its recess, the Yearly Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends, commonly called Quakers, held in the City of Baltimore.

They are constrained to memorialise you in relation to a subject, which has claimed ~~the~~ Legislative interposition in some of our neighbouring States, and which they hope will command yours also. This subject is "Lotteries," which our Society has always considered as a species of Gaming, disallowing its Members the liberty of at all participating in them. Your Memorialists have therefore hoped, that they would not be deemed as departing from the line of their religious duty in respectfully calling your attention to this subject. They are encouraged to do so, from the known fact, that several States have become so ^{far} convinced of the baneful influence of Lotteries, as to have enacted Laws prohibiting them: and also from the persuasion that a large body of our Citizens, are now sensible of, and ready to admit, their demoralising and deleterious effects.

The vending of Lottery Tickets it is supposed, was commenced as a distinct branch of business

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in the City of Baltimore, about 1805 to 1810. Prior to the establishment of Offices for this purpose, the Tickets were mostly disposed of by the Managers of the respective Schemes to their acquaintances, and were distributed among a class of people very different from those, who are now their principal purchasers.

Although your Memorialists are Members of a Religious Society, which has always been opposed to Lotteries as immoral, and hence could not countenance them under any form; yet they have not been inattentive to what they conceive to be a great augmentation of the evil, within the last few years.

They behold the Trade greatly increased, and increasing. Offices for the disposal of Tickets are multiplied to an alarming extent in our City. Scheme follows Scheme in quick succession; and their introduction to the public is accompanied by attractions, peculiarly calculated to ensnare the inexperienced and unwary. These aggravating evince so conspicuously, the growing nature of the evil, that your Memorialists cannot but entertain a hope, that the Legislature will speedily interpose for its total abolition. They are satisfied that the Lottery System as now in operation in the State, is the most deductive and consequently one of the most pernicious and ruinous species of Gaming, against which an industrious and moral Community have to contend.

The history of Lotteries in other parts of the Union furnishes a striking and melancholy illustration of