

The Committee on the subject of abolishing Lotteries made the following Report, and (which claiming the weighty deliberation of the Meeting, it was concluded to postpone the decision ~~on the subject~~ thereon, until next Meeting).

To the Meeting for Sufferings.

The Committee on the subject of Lotteries have given further attention to the subject (since last Meeting), and the following is the result of their enquiries, obtained from a source which they believe to be entitled to full confidence, as giving a correct account of the Law, in relation to Lotteries, in the State of Maryland as it now stands.

Viz: By the Act of 1819, Chap. 163, The sale of Foreign Lottery Tickets was prohibited.

By the Act of 1828, Chap. 129, also prohibited. This Act makes it necessary to obtain a License to sell tickets in Schemes, authorised by the State, and approved by the Commissioners.

By the Act of 1831, Chap. 179, The Commissioners are authorised to grant Licences to persons to sell tickets in any Schemes granted by any of the States of the Union, or by the United States; which Schemes shall be submitted to, and approved by the Commissioners; on the terms and conditions therein prescribed.

This Act is still in force, and has not been modified by any subsequent Law.

By the Act of 1834, confirmed at the last Session, and now a part of the Constitution, the Legislature is deprived of the power to grant Lotteries in future.

And by another Act of the last Session Chap. the Commissioners are authorised to draw all Lotteries previously granted, in order to close the business as speedily as possible, and to prepare the way for the final abolishment of Lotteries in this State.

No day has yet been fixed by Law for this purpose. Pass'd 9 Nov. 12. 1836. Signed by direction & on behalf of the Com.

By Joseph Townsend

Nicholas Popplein

Then Adjourned, to meet on 7th day evening at 7 O'clock preceding our ensuing Yearly Meeting.

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At a Meeting for Sufferings held in Balt^o the 29th of the 10th Mo. 1836. Present 18 Members, also some Brethren from Neighbouring Yearly Meetings.

The Committee on the Request of the late Sarah Land were continued.

The Committee appointed to take charge of 50 Copies of the Bible received from Friends of Great Britain made the following Report, which was approved; the Committee were continued to comply with the proposition therein contained and the Clerk is directed to furnish the respective Monthly Meetings with a Copy of the Report and of this Minute.