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sale of Foreign Tickets. said Memorial to be presented to our next Meeting for its approval.

To the Meeting for Sufferings

The Committee on the Subject of Lotteries in a former Report mentioned the passage of an Act in 1834, Chap. 219, abolishing and prohibiting Lotteries within this State, from and after the expiration of the existing Grants; and also the Confirmation of this Act at the ensuing Session of the General Assembly, which became a part of the Constitution of this State, and this we apprehended was an important point gained towards the final abolition of this iniquitous system. The Committee were however continued, with a view if possible of attaining another desirable object connected with the Lottery System, viz: The prevention of the sale of Foreign Lottery Tickets within the State of Maryland.

The Committee in the course of their attention to the subject, have examined the proceedings of the Legislature in reference to it. And from a Report made by the Lottery Commissioners to the House of Delegates during the late Session of the Legislature it appears, that the State, after deducting the Salaries of the Commissioners, and other Expenses of the system, amounting to upwards of \$7000 - derives a Nett Revenue of Annun, of about sixteen thousand dollars; this Revenue accrues from Licences, and the sales made in this and the adjoining States, of Tickets in Maryland State Lotteries, and of Tickets in Foreign Schemes,

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approved by the Commissioners of Lotteries. The aggregate amount of ^{the} Sales of both descriptions of Tickets being upwards of \$855,000 - Annually for the last two Years; of this sum fully one half consists of Foreign Tickets, and much the largest proportion of this whole Amount is sold in the adjoining States. The Report also mentions that there is still remaining five unexpired Grants of Lotteries, which have been placed under the supervision of the Commissioners, by late Acts of the Legislature, and that two Clauses remain to be drawn, under the direction of the Treasurer of the Western Shore for the benefit of the Washington Monument and University.

And in reply to the enquiry, as to the probable time it will take, with the present system, to sell out the said grants, they say, "The Commissioners cannot be expected to speak with precision, but they have reason to presume, that after the close of the Washington Monument Grants, that the remainder may be accomplished within the period of two Years."

Although the sale of Foreign Lottery Tickets, and the revenue derived from it by the State, appears to be so connected with the system, as to render it doubtful whether the Legislature would prohibit the sale of these, until the system is abolished finally by closing the remaining existing Grants: we are nevertheless of the opinion, that could the Legislature be prevailed upon to repeal the Law of 1831, Chap. 179,