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and happiness of the Community. that in the prosecution of these endeavours, they have not only been seconded and sanctioned by others of their fellow Citizens, but have been greatly encouraged by the sentiments of the Legislature itself, as publicly expressed by the following Resolution, unanimously adopted by the House of Delegates at its Session of 1835,
Resolved, "That it is the opinion of this House, that the Lottery system is injurious to the morals and interests of the Citizens of this State."

Your Memorialists think that there can be but one view as to the truth of this spontaneous and enlightened declaration, and doubt not but that its condemnation of the Lottery system will be responded to as just, by every member of your body.

The Act passed by the General Assembly at the Session of 1834-5. confirmed at the succeeding one, altering and amending the Constitution of the State in this particular - though very significant of the judgment of the Legislature as to the evils of the Lottery system, and of importance as one step towards its extinction, is unhappily rendered of no material use from the fact, that the sale of tickets in foreign Lotteries is still permitted by Law, and the field thus open

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is so ample, as to occasion the business to be carried on with little or no abatement, and much to the detriment of the people.

Your Memorialists therefore respectfully solicit, that you would take into your consideration the expediency of providing for the total abolishment of a system, so manifestly and deplorably hurtful, by repealing the Law of 1831, Chapter 179. and by passing an Act which shall effectually prevent within the limits of the State, all sales of tickets in any lottery schemes of other States, or of the United States: and which shall likewise fix the shortest practicable period, for closing all grants of that description heretofore allowed by our own State, and which are not yet concluded.

And your Memorialists cannot question, but that in performing so desirable and beneficial a service, your labours will have the countenance of all the well disposed, and well thinking portion of the Community.

Signed by direction, and on behalf of the body of persons aforesaid, at a Meeting held on the 11th of the 1st Mo: 1839.

By Joseph King Jr. ^{mod}
Clerk

Then adjourned to the stated time in the 3rd Mo: next.