

At a Meeting for Sufferings held in Baltimore the  
11<sup>th</sup> of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Month 1840,

Present 13 Members,

Richard H. Thomas on behalf of the Committee on  
Lotteries, reported, that no <sup>business</sup> had opened since last  
Meeting for any action of the Committee on this subject  
they were continued.

Then adjourned to the stated time in the 9<sup>th</sup> Mo. next.

At a Meeting for Sufferings held in Baltimore the  
16<sup>th</sup> of the 9<sup>th</sup> Month 1840, Present 13 Members,

The Committee on Lotteries made the following Report,  
and it was concluded to continue the subject under  
the care of the Committee, who are desired to give  
such further attention <sup>thereto</sup> as may be deemed necessary  
and report to next Meeting.

To the Meeting for Sufferings,

Since our report in the 3<sup>rd</sup> Month last, on the  
subject of Lotteries, we have obtained information as  
regards the proceedings of the late Legislature of  
Maryland in relation thereto, embraced in the following  
Copy of a Report made to the House of Delegates,  
accompanied also by a Copy of the Act to alter and  
amend the Constitution, referred to in the Report. There  
are strong grounds for believing that this last Act  
will be confirmed at the ensuing Session.

Copy of the Report,

"The Committee on Lotteries to whom was referred the  
Memorial of John M. Kim & Joseph King & upwards  
of twenty five hundred Citizens of Balt<sup>o</sup>, praying that an  
early period may be fixed for the closing of all the  
unexpired grants, and that a law may pass to prohibit  
the sale of Foreign lottery tickets," beg leave to  
Report, — "That they have had said Memorial  
under consideration. That the said Memorialists are among  
the most intelligent and respectable of our Citizens, represent-  
ing almost every department of Society, and numbering  
among them some of the most exemplary Christians, and  
enterprising Merchants, that are to be found in any State.  
Their representations are therefore entitled to great weight,  
and their Memorial to the most deliberate consideration of  
every member of the Legislature. They tell us that the  
Lottery system is as ruinous to the morals, as it is  
destructive to the interests and happiness of the people." And indeed when we reflect upon the vast amount of  
Lottery tickets that must be sold in the course of a  
year, to raise the sum of twenty thousand Dollars, the  
State's ordinary revenue from this system, the Committee  
cannot but assent to the position taken by the  
Memorialists — in creating an excitement in the minds  
of all its votaries, this system engenders a desire  
in many to trust to its chances for fortune, rather  
than to the toil and industry of the ordinary pursuit  
of life. It is therefore a system, which not only  
cripples the energies, but impairs the resources of