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Ninth Month 1840, submitted a copy of a report made in the House of delegates of our State Legislature, and also a copy of an Act to alter and amend the Constitution, "to prevent (after the confirmation of said Act by the succeeding legislature) any new grant, to authorise the drawing of any Lottery, or the traffick or dealing in lottery tickets, or schemes or devices in the nature of lotteries, or the distribution of money or property by chance". This Act was confirmed in the 3<sup>d</sup> Month 1841, and the following is a copy of the confirmation, viz:

Chap. 261.

An Act to confirm an Act, entitled an Act to alter and amend the Constitution, so far as it relates to the power of the legislature to grant Lotteries, passed at December Session 1839, Chap. 31.

"Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland, That the Act passed at December Session, 1839, Chap. 31, entitled an Act to alter and amend the Constitution so far as it relates to the power of the legislature to grant Lotteries, be and the same is hereby ratified and confirmed."

Which we submit to the Meeting, having no further information to communicate.

Signed on behalf of the Committee  
Pat<sup>h</sup>. 9 Mo. 7. 1841. *Aug. B. Alderston*  
*Josh. Turner*

A copy of a Minute received from our late Yearly Meeting was read, transferring to the Careful and

weighty deliberation of the <sup>113</sup>Meeting for Sufferings a deeply interesting Epistle from our brethren of the Yearly Meeting of Friends held in London on the subject of Slavery. The subject impressed the minds of Friends in the course of its consideration with feelings of concern and exercise, and after a time of weighty deliberation it was concluded to refer the further consideration thereof to our next Meeting. The Epistle being as follows viz:

"From our Yearly Meeting held in London by adjournment from the 20<sup>th</sup> of the 5<sup>th</sup> Month to the 29<sup>th</sup> of the same inclusive 1840."

"To the Yearly Meetings of Friends on the Continent of North America."

"Dear Friends," We think it a favor to us and we accept it as an evidence that our Lord is mindful of us, that from one time to another when thus assembled for mutual edification and the renewing of our spiritual strength, we are in any small measure, brought afresh to the enjoyment of that love which flows from God to man through Jesus Christ our Saviour, and under its blessed influence, quickened to exercise of mind, not only for the health and prosperity of all those professing the same faith with ourselves, but for the coming of the Kingdom of God upon Earth, and the universal prevalence of righteousness and truth amongst men. This love has often brought us in Christian compassion and tenderness of spirit,