

At an adjourned meeting for ~~business~~
held in Baltimore the 13th of the 12^{mo} 1845
present 13 members

The committee set apart at a former
meeting on the subject of Lotteries produced
the following memorial which being read, was
united with and directed to be signed. The
document is contained to present the same
to the ensuing Legislature of Maryland and
pay such further attention to the subject as
may be needful & report to our next stated
meeting. It being as follows

"To the General Assembly of Maryland
Your Memorialists, the Representatives,
of the ~~State~~ of the yearly meeting of the Religion
Society of Friends, held in Baltimore, would
respectfully call your attention to the fact
that, the Lottery System still continues to
exist in our State. Your Memorialists would
urge that the protracted continuance of this
great moral evil has much disappointed
the expectations of the people. That as early
as the year 1835 our Legislature expressed
an anxious desire that the Lottery System
should expire at as early a date as prac-
ticable & to effectuate that desire & extirpate
the whole system it is provided by the

Constitutional amendment which originated
in 1839 Chap 31 and was confirmed in 1840
Chap 261 "that no new grant shall be made
to authorize the drawing of any Lottery or the
traffic or dealing in Lottery tickets, or scheme,
or devices in the nature of Lotteries". That the
object designed by this and other acts is the
total suppression of the system, but that so far they
have failed to accomplish it, and there is good
reason to fear that if the present plan of proceeding
under these laws is continued, the Lottery System
may be perpetuated among us almost indefinitely
in despite of the expressed will of the Legislature
and the great grief of all good citizens.

Your Memorialists would therefore very earnestly
solicit your attention to this subject in order
that its abuses may be investigated and such
legislation adopted as may hasten the epoch
when to draw a Lottery in the State of Maryland
will no longer be tolerated by law

Signed by direction & on behalf of the
Representatives aforesaid

Richard H. Thomas, Clerk

The Clerk having desired to be released from
serving the meeting as Clerk Richard H. Thomas
was appointed in his stead

The following minute was received from our late
yearly meeting which was read. When upon Jos King Jr