

may under said law require their vote, and roll  
on our treasurer for the expense incurred

To the Meeting for Sufferings

The Committee appointed to examine into  
& report upon the law of our last Legislature which  
directs the sale of free persons of color who have  
been convicted of simple larceny, report that  
several sales of convicts, under that law took  
place, when Thomas Watkins a free colored man  
convicted of stealing a watch, was sentenced to be  
sold out of the State for a period of five years.  
He carried his case by writ of error to the court  
of appeals, which decided, that the judgement  
pronounced in his case was void, because he  
was not sold at public sale, which is a condi-  
tion of sale, required by the Act of Assembly.  
Since that time free persons of color, who have  
been convicted of larceny have been sent to  
the Penitentiary as heretofore.

Yesterday however the Criminal Court of Bal-  
timore City, sentenced a free colored woman to  
be sold out of the State for two years & six months  
with special directions to the Clerk to enter  
on the docket "to be sold at public sale," so as  
to avoid the error in the former case.

We believe however that sentencing a free  
person of color to be sold out of the State  
for a term of years is illegal, as the Court

is placing the person beyond its own Jurisdiction,  
without any power over the convict at the ex-  
piration of the sentence

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Richard M. Jarney

Francis T. King

Miles White

James Cary, Francis T. King, Richard M. Jarney,  
John Scott, & Thos. M. Matthews, are appointed a  
Committee to have the special charge of the  
Lottery Subject, and report of their care to our  
next Meeting.

Then adjourn to meet at the stated time  
in twelfth Month next

At a Meeting for Sufferings held in Balti-  
more 19<sup>th</sup> of 12 Month 1839

Present 12 Members

A Minute was received from our late yearly  
Meeting informing this Meeting of the app-  
ointment of Joseph H. Griffith to fill a vacancy  
occasioned by the decease of Isaac Brooks. His  
name is directed to be placed on our list of members.

The Committee on Meeting House property  
report. They have paid some attention to the  
Subject. They are continued.

The Committee appointed to inquire into  
the constitutionality of a stringent law passed  
by our Legislature. Made the following report  
They are continued