

cheat them of their hard earned wages, to entice the young and unreflecting from their fidelity, and betray them into a violation of their trust, and the commission of heinous crimes, cannot be doubted, while the desolating and fatal effects upon the social relations of life are scarcely less to be deplored. The memorial proposes that measures should be taken, through the Legislature, or otherwise, to induce, in all the States of the Union, *the absolute and entire abolition of Lotteries.*

Deeply sensible of the nature and magnitude of the evil practices which are thus found to be indulged, to an unlooked for extent, I but obey a dictate of public duty in respectfully submitting the memorial and the matters which it respects, to your consideration. The existing law for the restraint of Lotteries, I deem wholly inadequate to the purpose for which it was enacted. By the statute of 1825, ch. 184, the penalty for advertising or selling any Lottery Ticket or Tickets, or drawing or aiding or assisting in drawing any Lottery, or being concerned in the management or conducting of any Lottery, not authorised by the laws of this Commonwealth, is a fine *not exceeding One Hundred Dollars* for each offence, so that the imposition of any sum, however small, may be a satisfaction of the forfeiture created by the Statute. It is well understood that the gains of these lawless manufacturers and venders of Lottery Tickets are as immoderate as their trade is vicious. In a recent exposition made under the most respectable authority, of a similar traffic, in a city of a sister State, it is stated to have been ascertained, that an officer of a Banking Institution, who had been detected in abstracting from the Bank divers sums of money, "was found to be in possession, in Tickets and parts of tickets, in various Lotteries, *two thousand three hundred and twenty-seven chances*, which, after having been all drawn and examined, by order of the Bank, produced less than *twenty dollars.*" Another case of a bankrupt is given, whose accounts exhibit an aggregate of \$80,000 drawn by him in Lotteries at different periods, while his expenditure for tickets amounted to the sum of \$120,000, and he was then insolvent \$70,000. Again, it is stated, that the adventurers in a single Lottery, in the same city suffered a loss of nearly \$100,000, which, of course, must have gone to the Managers and Venders of the Lottery. When such are the results, the occasional exaction of a small fine, especially taking into consideration the chances of escape from conviction of the offence, has