

rial to the Legislature of Maryland, as is set forth under the following extracts from said memorial, viz:

1st. The inherent unfairness and inequality of the game" (of lottery speculations) "that in the most favorable aspect and including all chances, the risk is against the adventurer about in the proportion of 3 to 2."

2d. "That the aggregate of all schemes of lotteries, in which tickets are sold throughout the United States every year, is upwards of fifty millions of dollars; adding 25 per cent. advance on the price of tickets, it is upwards of 60 millions of dollars."

3d. "That of this vast amount, not more than two-thirds at the farthest, and making a due allowance for frauds and impositions, which, it is believed, are extensively practised in this business, we may safely assume, that not more than one half is actually returned in prizes."

4th. "That of the remaining third or half, a small part goes to the object designed to be aided by the lottery (in Maryland to the State Treasury,) another portion to defray the expenses, and the residue, amounting annually to not less than twelve or fifteen millions of dollars, is divided among the dealers in lottery tickets, who have multiplied tenfold in all the larger cities within a few years."

5th. "That the enormous profit of one dollar upon every four dollar ticket, or two dollars upon every eight dollar ticket, which they (the dealers) have been permitted to filch from the blind and ignorant adventurers, not one in fifty of whom is aware of it, shows, at once, a sufficient cause for this increase."

To which we make the following reply.—

It is difficult to comprehend what idea the memorialists intend to convey in this sentence—"the risk is against the adventurer *about* as 3 to 2." If they mean that there are three blanks to two prizes, the statement is true! because the magnitude of prizes is in proportion to the number of chances; but if they mean to convey the idea that there are in the aggregate of the lottery, three dollars to two against the adventurer, we say, positively, that the assertion is not true! as you will see hereafter.

We know of no unfairness in the lottery speculations, and if there is any unfairness in the lottery speculations more than in other ordinary branches of business generally, which are speculations, we are unable to discover it.