

REPORT

The committee on Lotteries to whom was referred the memorial of three thousand citizens of Baltimore city, praying the grant of a lottery for the purpose of building a State Armory, public Drill Rooms, and town Hall, on the site of Hanover market in said city, have had the same under consideration and submit the following report.

That the committee in examining the several memorials referred to their consideration, have been fully impressed with the great interest which the State of Maryland has in the contemplated improvement. They have found that the State has suffered great and continued losses for the last thirty years, for the want of some safe depository as an Armory, where the arms which are issued for the use of the militia and volunteers might be placed and preserved, and that she is still liable to loss, and is daily losing at the present time from this cause. They have also found that the State would be greatly benefitted by the erection of the contemplated improvement in another and important matter. The committee refer to the transparency and reflector which will crown the cupola of the armory, and serve as a beacon light to the wandering and benighted mariners, who throng the Chesapeake Bay—and which will from its elevated position and great brillency be visible at a great distance, and amidst the thickest darkness.

There is yet another point of view in which the committee conceive the State will feel a deep and general interest, and that is, the obtainment of a fine and spacious Hall—which will be always ready and free of expense, for the meeting of agricultural, manufacturing, or other societies throughout the State. The committee will also glance at the great advantages which will result to the city of Baltimore from the improvement, now sought to be made. The erection of alarm bells, and fire pointers upon this elevated position will add immeasurably to the value and efficiency of the fire department, and will give increased security to the citizens at large—in truth the committee believe