

for the benefit of said college; beg leave to report—that they have had the several applications before them, and have given them that deliberation which the subject merited, and were unanimously of an opinion, that in conformity with the policy which the state has adopted for several years past, by bringing the proceeds of lotteries into the public treasury for the support of the ordinary expenses of the government, that it would be improper to grant the prayer of the several petitioners, and more particularly at the present time, when large appropriations must be made for the support of primary schools.

The committee therefore recommend, that the said petitioners may be permitted severally to withdraw their respective petitions. And to put at rest all applications which tend to the injury of the public system, the following preamble and order are respectfully submitted:

Whereas, the principle of lottery has been adopted by the state as a source of revenue: And whereas, a portion of the avails of that resource have been specifically appropriated for the completion of the Washington Monument: And whereas, the public expectation is directed to the munificent assignment of sufficient means for the support of public instruction in primary schools; therefore, Ordered, That this house will not entertain legislation upon any application for any scheme which may operate to impair the state's revenues from lotteries.

By order,

Ben. Seegar, Com. Clk.

Mr. Teackle, chairman of the committee therein mentioned, delivered the following report, (with the communication and memorial therein referred to,) which was read and laid on the table, viz.

The select committee appointed by an order of January 1, 1827, to urge upon congress an equitable adjustment of the state's claim for interest on monies expended in the prosecution of the last war with Great Britain, beg leave to present the following report—That with a view to the enforcement of a demand so palpably founded upon common justice, they caused a copy of the correspondence of the treasurer of the western shore, with the accounting officer of the general government, relative to the said claim, and a copy of the report of the committee of ways and means, on the same subject, to be transmitted, severally, to the members of both branches of the Congress of the United States. They also forwarded, to the Senators and Representatives of this state in the said congress, a communication, intended to call their immediate attention to that concernment, and to engage the especial regard of those states, who are equally interested in the adoption of the desired measure, a copy of which is herewith annexed. And they have since prepared a brief memorial to the congress of the United States, to procure the enactment of an adequate law to warrant the adjustment of the claim in