

*Communication from the present Lottery Commissioners.*

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Baltimore, March 1st. 1839.

Dear Sir:—Having entered on the duties of Commissioners of Lotteries, *this day*, and made a hasty examination of the late Commissioners, quarterly accounts, ending yesterday, which will probably reach you by this mail, and hasten to protest against their charge of commission, on the license of Maryland State Lotteries, beyond the period which they held their office, I mean to say for one quarter of the year's product. They charge on the entire increase from licenses granted for one year, on the entire increase of Maryland Lotteries, for six months, (having received the quarters payments, which the contract calls for *early this month, on the 20th. ult.*) and leave their successors to discharge the duties, renew the license law 9 months, and renew the Maryland Lotteries 3 months, without compensation. I feel extreme regret at the course those gentlemen have adopted, and hope on further reflection they may see their error. In the mean time I feel bound most respectfully to ask the favor of you, to submit this hasty communication to the Governor, with the respect to him, and to yourself,

Of dear sir,

Your obedient servants,  
Willim Blair.

I concur in the above,

Samuel S. Dickerson.

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Secretary of State, Annapolis.