

Knight received, as Commissioners of Lotteries, compensation for two and a half months and one week, to the 21st February 1831.

Their successors in office, Messrs. Wm. R. Steuart, Edward Hughes and John S. Williams, each began to claim and receive compensation as lottery commissioners from the said 21st day of February 1831, taking \$20 88 each for the fractional part of the *unexpired* term, or *one week*, of the last quarter in which their predecessors had been acting.

The last named gentlemen have, it is believed, continued to be in the same office, from that time until within the present year, in which others were substituted in their places by the Governor, with the consent of the Senate.

The commissions that last issued to the *late* commissioners, were dated about the 27th of January 1838; and the date of the approval of the bonds of a *majority* of them was about the 21st of February 1838.

The date of the commissions issued in favor of the present incumbents Messrs. McBair, Dickinson and Cooke, was about the 29th of January 1839; and according to the document before referred to, a majority of them had "*bonded and qualified*" by the 18th of February 1839.

It seems that the act of December session 1831, chapter 79, was considered by the late commissioners as having taken effect *from and after* the 1st day of March 1832: on that day the old system ended and the new system commenced; for the commissioners, who had been acting for the year 1831, appear to have received their last quarter's salary and commission as due 1st March 1832, out of the proceeds of the State Lottery "No. 10 for 1831."

From accounts and vouchers on file in the Secretary of State's office, it appears that the commissioners for 1833, apportioned 1-4th part of the moneys received for Tax on Licenses, issued for one year from December 1832, to ticket venders, as appertaining to the year 1832; and 3 4ths thereof, [or as \$187 50 was to \$250] were apportioned by them to the year 1833.

In their *quarterly* account, *from* 1st of March to 31st May 1833, they charge themselves with proceeds of licenses to venders, from the 1st of March to the 30th of November 1833, at \$17 50 on city licenses, (for 9 months at the rate of \$250 per annum to the end of the fiscal year,) and at \$56 25 for county licenses, (for 9 months at the rate of \$75 per annum;) and upon the amount thereof

And proceeds of lotteries,

\$8277.44
9032.15

\$17,329.59

They retained for commission to themselves \$1762.09
each; or

5296.27

\$12,043 32

Hence it is evident, that of the proceeds of licenses for 1833, only *one fourth* part was appropriated to the commissioners for 1832;