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Mr. PURNELL, CHAIRMAN.

REPORT 2
OF
THE MAJORITY OF THE
STANDING COMMITTEE ON LOTTERIES.

BY THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES.

April 3, 1839.

Read and 555 copies ordered to be printed.

By order,

Geo. G. Brewer, Clerk.

The Committee on Lotteries, to whom was referred the protest of the present Commissioners of Lotteries, in regard to certain commissions received by their predecessors, the majority of said committee beg leave to

REPORT:

That they have carefully examined the Law passed December Session 1831, chapter 79, creating the present Lottery system, and find by the 1st section, that the commissioners are thereby authorized to grant all licences to vend lottery tickets, to be in force for the term of one year from the date of granting the same, with the provision that the person or persons so licenced, or some one of them shall pay to the commissioners the sum of \$5000 in case the number of licences shall not exceed twenty, and the additional sum of \$250 for every such licence granted above that number; and a further provision that some one or more of the persons so licenced, shall at or before obtaining the same contract with the commissioners for the right to draw lotteries within the year for which said licences are granted, which contract shall condition to produce at least \$15000, within said year for the use of the State. And by the 6th section, that in lieu of salary heretofore given, the commissioners shall be entitled to receive at the rate of 10 per centum each, if residing in the city of Baltimore, or 7½ per centum if residing in the country, upon the amount raised by the lottery system; provided, that the compensation to each commissioner residing in the city, shall not exceed in any one year \$2000, or if residing in the country \$1500.— In pursuance of the authority vested in the commissioners, under the