

believe they merit the compensation that the law now authorises them to receive.

To the third clause, they answer in the negative.

From their experience in the Lottery system of Maryland, they are satisfied that the duties required by the act of Assembly, cannot be conducted by one commissioner, with the same security to the State, nor with the same certainty of providing those indispensable facilities in furnishing tickets for schemes as they may be required, especially under the terms of their contract. That one commissioner might probably discharge all the duties pertaining to the office, provided he could be constantly at his post, uninterrupted by sickness or casualties, they will not deny; but when it is considered that by the terms of the law, and the conditions of the contract, the commissioners are required to have signed by a *given day* the tickets of schemes which are to be drawn at a *particular hour* named in each week, and that *one at least* shall be present to conduct and witness the drawing of the same, it is apparent that were these duties to devolve solely on *one* commissioner, that the whole machinery of the system would be thrown into confusion, if by any circumstances he was prevented from attending to either of those duties. And it has happened during the official engagements of the undersigned, that *two* of the commissioners have been prevented by sickness from attending to their duties for some time, under the present organization of the Lottery system of this state it is established certainly upon as safe and respectable a basis as it can be placed, and while it exists, it is deemed the wisest policy to make no change in the number of the commissioners.

To the fourth clause they answer, that they perceive no reason for changing the opinions upon this subject heretofore expressed by them in answer to an order of the committee on Lotteries, dated 23d January 1835, which accompanies this report, and to which they respectfully refer the House of Delegates. For it is a fact well known to those who are conversant with the subject, that while Lotteries are permitted in any State, the attempts to suppress them in any other State which possesses a large market for their traffic, tends rather to aggravate than to lessen the evil, if the sale of tickets be so considered. For where such prohibitions exist, and Lotteries are not regulated by law, deceptions are secretly but most extensively practiced on the ignorant by designing persons, who make a business of selling foreign Lottery tickets in defiance of all Legislative enactment. This fact was fully illustrated in this State, before