

you deem it advisable, to confirm and adopt the aforesaid alterations and amendments, as parts of the constitution.

We submit for your consideration, copies of a correspondence between the Clerk of the Council, by our direction, and the Attorney General, by which you will be informed, that no legal provision exists for requiring or receiving bonds from the lottery commissioners for the faithful performance of their duty;— that there are such various provisions relative to the bonding of other officers, as to make it difficult to determine what the laws really are; —and that the abolition of the clause, formerly existing in the constitution, which required a *property* qualification in persons to be elected or appointed to office, did not dispense with such qualification required by act of assembly; and that such a qualification is now required by an existing act.

And we embrace this occasion to invite your attention to a complaint which is often made of great difficulty and perplexity in ascertaining the existing operative provisions of our laws. It appears to us that the difficulty we have mentioned, arises principally, if not entirely, from a system or custom which seems to have long prevailed in our legislation, of inserting as a concluding section of most of our acts of assembly, a provision, in *general terms*, repealing all pre-existing repugnant or inconsistent laws;