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lotteries, proceed to pay on demand to the bearer of any ticket in said lottery, which may have drawn a prize, the amount of said prize, deducting therefrom first such discount as may be prescribed on prizes in the scheme of said lottery, and five per cent in addition as a tax thereon to the state, which go into the treasury, applicable to the general appropriations of the legislature, for the payment of the civil list, and the expenses of the government, and the amount of the discount on said prizes prescribed by the scheme of any and all of said lotteries, shall remain in the treasury to be appropriated by the general assembly to the construction of canals and roads, improving the navigation of the waters of the state, to the promotion of education, literature, arts and sciences, and generally to the endowment and encouragement of institutions which the legislature may from time to time think to merit and deserve it.

Comm'rs to retain money, &c.

19. *And be it enacted*, That said commissioners be and they are hereby authorised and empowered, to retain out of the monies which may come to their hands, a sufficient sum from time to time to pay and discharge the expenses of drawing said lotteries, including the rent of an office for transacting their business, or drawing said lotteries, rendering an account thereof to the treasurer in the first return made to him after such expenses are actually paid.

CHAPTER 155.

Passed Feb 11

An act to confirm the title to sundry Lots of Ground to the Trustees of that part of the Methodist Episcopal Church called Sardis Chapel, in Talbot County.

Right vested in trustees.

Sec. 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That all the right, title, interest and claim, of, in and to, half of lot number thirty-seven, and half of lot number thirty-eight, as described in the plot of St. Michael's, in Talbot county, and expressed in a deed from James Braddock to James Benson and others, trustees for the society called Methodists, bearing date the sixth day of June, seventeen hundred and eighty-two, be and the same is hereby vested in, and confirmed to, the trustees and their successors, of that part of the Methodist Episcopal Church called Sardis Chapel in Talbot county, any deficiency or defect in said deed notwithstanding.

CHAPTER 156.

Passed Feb 11

An act to impose a Tax on all Banks or Branches thereof in the State of Maryland not chartered by the Legislature.

Tax on branch established in the state without its authority.

Sec. 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That if any bank has established, or shall without authority from the state first had and obtained, establish any branch, office of discount and deposit, or office of pay and receipt, in any part of this state, it shall not be lawful for the said branch, office of discount and deposit, or office of pay and receipt, to issue notes in any manner, of any other denomination than five, ten, twenty, fifty, one hundred, five hundred and one thousand dollars, and no note shall be issued except upon stamp paper of the following denominations; that is to say, every five dollar note shall be upon a stamp of ten cents; every ten dollar note upon a stamp of twenty cents; every twenty dol-