

Mr. E. A. Lynch moved that said communication and accompanying papers be referred to a select committee of three, and that he be excused from serving on said committee.

Resolved in the affirmative.

The Speaker thereupon appointed Messrs. Causin, Gaither and Martin to compose said committee.

Mr. E. A. Lynch then moved that said communication should not be entered upon the journal, until a report should be made by said committee to which the subject was referred;

Resolved in the affirmative.

The Speaker laid before the house the following communication from the Commissioners of Lotteries :

Office of Commissioners of Lotteries,
Baltimore, February 3, 1841.

To Charles S. Ridgely, Esq.

Speaker of the House of Delegates.

Sir: The order of the honorable House of Delegates of 30th ult., reached us last evening. We respectfully answer thereto, by handing a statement of the bonds submitted and approved at this office, with copies of those bonds, and a note of the ground of approval, as per documents No. 1 and 2. As relates to commissioners who, in place of selling schemes, have undertaken to sell tickets therein, and whether any tickets in lotteries authorised by this State, are sold by others than those who are regularly licensed. We answer, the only case we are aware of, is that of the Commissioners of the State Armory and Town Hall grant, who have opened one or more offices in this city, appointed numerous agents in the city and State to dispose of their tickets, *and all without licenses*. We early consulted counsel respecting their right to do so, who advised us their grant authorised it, and which prevented our taking further action on the subject.

In answer to queries propounded to us by W. F. Giles, esq., chairman of the committee on lotteries, during the last session of the Legislature, a majority of the undersigned apprised him of their fear of this grant conflicting with the State system: the present manner in which it is conducted, shows they were not wrong in their views. As several other grants, with similar power, were made at the last session, we feel it our duty to respectfully ask such legislation on the subject, as may hereafter prevent such grants from conflicting with the State system, or cause the increase from the same to diminish.— As yet no schemes have been submitted by the commissioners of the grant in aid of constructing an out-let lock of the Tide Water canal, which has similar privileges of the Town Hall. The grants to establish a Female Seminary on the site of the ancient city of Saint Mary's, has been placed in this office, along with that which is to aid in establishing a Female Seminary in Frederick city and both are embraced in the consolidated lotteries of the present fiscal year.