

**REPORT**  
OF THE  
**COMMITTEE ON LOTTERIES.**



The committee on Lotteries, to whom was referred, so much of the Executive communication as relates thereto, have had the same under consideration, and beg leave to report:—That they cannot believe, Lotteries to be productive of such appalling evil to society as is attributed to them by some, or to the extent held out in the late message of Governor Howard; and are therefore at a loss to conceive why so great a solicitude should be evinced for the accomplishment of their abolition. But whilst your committee cannot admit, that effects so deleterious in their nature, flow from the operations of the Lottery System, as has been represented, they are constrained to acknowledge that the principle is not undeserving of censure, and that evils do arise out of it justly meriting deprecation; they do not think however, that those evils are of so alarming a character as to call for legislative interposition, with a view to the abrogation of the system. Such a course they are of opinion, is not demanded by any exigences in the case now existing, and do therefore respectfully recommend that no legislation be entertained upon the subject.

Your committee being desirous of giving to the matter in question, that enlarged consideration which its importance requires, were induced to call upon the Commissioners of Lotteries, for a communication upon the subject; to this call they have responded in a spirit of candour, and in a fair, full and able manner, exhibited the various operations of the system, the advantages derived from it to the State, and its effects upon the community in a moral point of view. This communication your committee would ask permission to present with their report, and request that the same be entered on the Journal.—All which is respectfully submitted.

UNIT CHANDLER, Ch'n.

By order,

Robert Griffith, clerk.