

from the managers of the Medical College Lottery, for the five per cent, tax on two hundred and twenty-five thousand dollars, the amount of prizes announced by the scheme of said lottery	\$11,250
from the managers of the Surgical Institution Lottery, for the five per cent tax on three hundred and sixty thousand dollars, the amount of prizes announced by the scheme of said lottery	18,000
from the managers of the New Masonic Hall Lottery, for the five per cent tax on three hundred thousand dollars, the amount of prizes announced by the scheme of said lottery	15,000
from the managers of a lottery to erect a Presbyterian Church in Frederick-town, for the five per cent tax on thirty thousand dollars, the amount of prizes announced by the scheme of said lottery	1,500
	\$45,750

And whereas this general assembly during the present session, has released the sum of fifteen hundred dollars due from the managers of the lottery to erect a church in Frederick county, and the sum of three thousand dollars due from the Surgical Institution Lottery: And whereas it appears from the following official communication to this house, that there is no probability that this state will receive the sum of twenty-six thousand dollars due on two of the said lotteries, during the present year:

JANUARY 27th, 1820.

MY DEAR SIR—In reply to your inquiry as to the suits against the Lottery Managers, now depending in my district, I have to inform you that suits have been instituted against the managers of three lotteries, viz: the Surgical Institution, the Medical College and the Fell's Point Masonic Lottery. The latter were instituted to March Term 1819, and the former to September Term 1818. The case of the Medical College, I am informed will be strongly contested; and the mass of business on our docket is so great, that I fear there is little probability of trying it at the approaching March Term. If it is tried at September Term, and an appeal taken up, it will not be finally decided until the Term 1822. The case of the Fell's Point Masonic Hall will be on the trial docket of March next, and I have heard of no intention to dispute it; but if a judgment is then obtained, the situation of the parties is not such as to afford any assurance that the money will be obtained to the September Term following.

In the case of the Surgical Institution Lottery, a judgment has been obtained at the present term for \$5,300, the amount of the bond given, and a part of this sum, I understand, has been paid into the treasury, the residue if it be not previously paid will be obtained by execution to March Term next. The amount of interest due on this bond is yet to be ascertained, the parties denying their liability for interest, and it is expected that a decision of the court will be had on the subject before the adjournment of the term. I thought it most for the advantage the state to take a judgment for the principal of the bond, subject as to the interest, to the opinion of the court on a case stated, upon which a judgment will be had before the adjournment of the court. This course appeared to be the best, as it would prevent an appeal which might probably otherwise take place, and would retard the payment of the whole eighteen months longer.

I have the honour to be, your obedient servant,

HENRY M MURRAY,
District Attorney Sixth Judicial District.

Benjamin Harwood, Esq. Treasurer.

And if the said sums shall not be received, the probable deficit in the state treasury will stand thus:

the treasury deficit is	\$31,409 76
this sum add the following items which composed a part of the probable estimate of the revenue to be received in 1820 of which from the preceding documents no part will be received in 1820, to wit: this sum released to the Presbyterian Church Lottery \$1,500 00, to which sum add this sum released to the Surgical College Lottery, \$3000 00	4,500 00
which sums add this sum for which judgment is not obtained against the commissioners from whom the tax is due,	26,750 00
these sums add the expense attending the scrutiny into the Calvert election	3000 00
these sums add the appropriations made during the present year, and to be paid	20,000 00
these sums add, for the journals of accounts, over and above \$35,000 00 the estimated sum	10,000 00
	\$95,659 76
this sum add for incidental charges,	5,000 00
	\$100,659 76

and whereas it appears from the following official communication made to this house, that no well founded expectation can be entertained that this state will receive in time to answer the claims against the state, a sufficient sum from the general government.

EASTON, November 24th, 1819.

SIR—Presuming that the progress which had been made by the auditor, in the adjustment of the claims of the Maryland claim, was such as to authorise a considerable advance of money, I lately presented myself at the department of war, to solicit your order for that purpose; and, although I found the anticipations realized in the actual state of the accounts, and, as I understood, in the opinion of the officers, your absence, at the moment, precluded me from then attaining my object. The legislature of Maryland will very soon assemble, and the exigency of the state will demand the immediate aid of the payment proposed. I cannot doubt, Sir, that the auditor will be at once prepared so to report to you on the existing state of the accounts in his office, as to induce a further advance on our part of at least \$100,000. The delay which has occurred in the reimbursement of these expenses, though doubtless unavoidable, has been essentially detrimental to the state, and I am constrained now to urge to you the great importance of an immediate payment of all that the progress made in the adjustment of the account will war-