

entitled "an act respecting lotteries," the Lottery Commissioners are directed to forward to the Executive Department the scheme of any lottery that they may devise, as also a list of the notes or other evidences of amount due for tickets sold and the name of the Bank in which they should deposit the same. - which communications we have received from the said Commissioners and herewith transmit to the General Assembly. We also beg leave to transmit to the General Assembly a report made to this Department by the Agent appointed under the authority of the law of the last session for the collection of debts due the State from citizens of the western shore - from which it will appear that eighteen thousand dollars have been paid into the Treasury of the State since the commencement of his agency. Fourteen thousand of which were outstanding at the time of his appointment. It will be further discovered, that, from the great diligence and attention of this officer to the duties of his appointment, a very considerable amount beyond the actual receipts, has also been secured to the State; and all effected without execution or distress - and although, we have not yet heard from the Agent appointed for the Eastern shore, yet from the character, intelligence and activity, of the Agents, we have every reason to anticipate a speedy and satisfactory adjustment of those outstanding balances which have so long burthened the books of your Treasury.

In the lamented death of our distinguished fellow citizen, the Honourable William Pinkney Maryland has sustained an irreparable loss, and our National Councils, of which he was a member, a melancholy bereavement. During the short period he illumined that body by his transcendent powers, he was admitted to be without an equal; for force of argument, profundity of thought, and brilliancy of imagination, he stood unrivalled. As an Orator it is unnecessary in this place to enumerate the many splendid and eminent powers with which nature had endued him, because the display of them as well in your halls of justice, as in the legislative Councils of his State, has often been witnessed with ecstasy and delight. In consequence of the death of this distinguished fellow citizen, the duty is devolved upon the Legislature of to appoint his successor. It may perhaps have been expected by some that the appointment would have been made by the Executive Authority during the recess of the Legislature, but as the lamented event took place at a late period of the session of Congress, it was deemed advisable to refer the appointment to that body designated by the constitution as possessing the ultimate power.