

possible to the Speaker of the House of Delegates, who is hereby requested to forward a copy of this order to the several persons therein referred to.

By order,

Geo. G. Brewer, Clk.

And in compliance therewith transmit through the same channel, the following report.

To the first clause, they answer:—That by the act of Assembly, passed at December session 1831, they are entitled to receive in lieu of any salary, 10 per centum each, as their compensation, on all sums thereafter raised by the State Lottery system; not to exceed in any one year \$2,000 each. That they have accordingly received \$6,000 each within the last three years, as their lawful compensation, having raised in each of said years, a sum exceeding \$20,000. But in order to afford to the Legislature a clear insight into the operations of the Lottery system, the undersigned have appended hereto a tabular statement of the same, commencing with the year 1828 and ending with the last fiscal year 1838, which although not called for in the said order, will, they believe, be as acceptable as it will be found interesting to such as have not made themselves acquainted with the operations of the Lottery system of Maryland.

By the act of Assembly passed at December session 1835, which imposes upon the commissioners the additional service of conducting and disposing the existing private grants, “in the same manner and upon the same terms as those of State Lotteries,” they have received within the same period, the sum of \$1034,86 each, their returns having shewn the sum raised by Lotteries for account of private grants contracted for, to be \$10,348 67. The undersigned have received no “perquisites” nor “advantages” of any sort or kind, unless the use of pens and paper be so considered.

To the second clause, they answer in the negative.

By reference to the tabular statement, it will be seen that the contingent expenses have been reduced to a sum sufficient only to meet those of office rent, fuel and stationary; and any curtailment of the compensation to the officers would be deemed unjust, when the expense of residing in the city of Baltimore is considered, and when the fact is also taken into consideration, that the commissioners are limited in their receipts to a maximum and are not protected by any minimum pay, none being receivable from the State, but all dependent wholly on their ability to compensate themselves by a per centum out of the sums which by their labour and efforts, may be raised by the system, they