

been prevented by our state system) would then be practised here. The committee taking this view of the subject, do not think it necessary to go into a discussion of the relative morality or immorality of lotteries, as compared with speculations of other kinds; when it shall become practicable, from the *non-existence* (and nothing else can make it so) of lottery tickets in our vicinage, to prevent all dealing of that kind in our state, it will then be time enough to think of that subject; at present, they think it would be an useless waste of time to go into its consideration.

Your committee would refer to the fact, which they believe is notorious, that when laws were in existence in this State, denouncing severe penalties against all dealers in foreign lottery tickets, that these laws were violated daily; and they are induced to believe, that those who violated them, were enabled in a great degree, to do so with impunity, from the fact that the restrictive laws (preventing people from laying out their money as they pleased) were odious to the great body of the people, as they are satisfied would be the case again, and to a greater extent, if a total exclusion of all that kind of speculation was attempted to be enforced. Your committee are of the opinion, that it would be unwise to break up a system that all candid men, they believe, admit to be as perfect, as well can be provided, without any kind of security that the very next legislature may not again permit them, and in much worse form; and if we may judge from the manifestations before us, even at the present session, of the disposition of the people to avail themselves of this mode of raising money, and disposing of property, applications in abundance would be pressed, and most likely with success. The committee have come to their conclusion upon this subject, apart from the question of *revenue* (the consideration of which, in their opinion, more properly belongs to the committee on ways and means) which at the present time is one of deep interest, especially when it is considered that in addition to the abstraction of nearly thirty thousand dollars annually from the State's revenue, which would be the consequence of the abolition of the State Lottery System, a large sum would have to be added for monies, which the right to draw lotteries for, would be renewed, else to permit the money to be raised by lottery, as the several managers of the institutions interested might see fit.

In obedience to an order of the 17th January, requiring this committee to report what money, if any, to be derived from