

As for the "enormous profits" of retail dealers, as set forth by the memorialists—it is very probable that tickets are hawked about and sold at any price in other States, where there is no license or other regulation, to protect the business; but in Maryland, where the system is so guarded by law, and so well protected by the Lottery Commissioners, there are no tickets hawked about the streets, no frauds committed, and the dealer has no more than a reasonable profit, which is from 10 to 25 per cent; varying according to amount of sales; out of which he has to pay a license of \$250—besides his other expenses, which leaves but a bare living, some dealers not being able to renew their license, consequently obliged to leave the business, while others have discontinued and engaged in other business for the especial purpose of larger profits.

As respects the blind, ignorant, wretched and improvident class of people—we assure you, that the whole custom of that class of people would not support one office. If they had the disposition to purchase, they certainly have not the means to purchase; which must be equally apparent to the memorialists, who seem to have a propensity to misrepresent facts.

We know that it is the monied and speculative class of people who purchase the most lottery tickets, who perfectly well understand the risk as well as ourselves, and many of them draw large prizes and are disposed to risk, being ruined thereby.

As respects "frauds being extensively practised," we cannot say to what extent they may be practised in other branches of business; but we take great pleasure in saying that we know of no frauds practised by the very respectable class of citizens engaged in lottery business.

We are your obedient and

very humble servants,

S. SCRIBNER & CO.

Agents for Y. & M'I.

To Wm. R. Stuart,

E. Hughes, and

J. S. Williams,

} Commissioners of Lotteries, Md.