

2d. Do you believe it to be practicable, to prevent the dealing in lottery tickets in this State, by any enactments of the Legislature, so long as lotteries are allowed to be drawn in other States.

Very respectfully,

Your obedient serv'ts

WM. R. STUART,
E. HUGHES,
J. S. WILLIAMS.

Answer to the first Interrogatory.

Baltimore, January 26th, 1835.

Messrs. Wm. R. Stuart,
E. Hughes, } Commissioners of Lotteries.
J. S. Williams, }

Gentlemen:—We have your letter of this date. It will afford us pleasure at any time, to give you any information we possess relative to lotteries. To the enquiries you make on that subject, we could reply more in detail, did our time allow it at the present moment; it may, however, be sufficient to say in brief, that during the time we were engaged in the sales of lottery tickets, which, however, was previous to the last 4 or 5 years, the amount purchased by the poorer classes of the community, bore no sort of comparison to the whole amount of the sales; we do not exactly know the portion, but we do not hesitate to say, that our sources of sales were from the more wealthy and sportive classes of the wealthy—the large bulk, certainly of those who could afford to bear the risk attendant on their purchases.

Answer to the second Enquiry.

As to your 2d enquiry, whether it be practicable to prevent the dealing in this State, in tickets of other States, by any prohibiting enactment, our experience has shewn it to be impracticable. We had often endeavored to prevent the introduction of what were then termed foreign tickets, but our success was very partial—for whilst the respectable part of our community, and of those who were engaged in the sales of the authorized tickets, would abstain from dealing, sales were made to, and by, persons who should have had no concern whatever in them, either as purchasers or venders.