

December Session 1831, chapter 287, be instructed to report thereon, on or before Monday next.

Mr. Burchenal submitted the following resolution,

By the House of Delegates.

January 8th, 1836.

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this House, that the lottery system is injurious to the morals and interests of the citizens of this state.

Resolved, That this House will not favour any scheme for the raising money by lottery or chance, during the present session, and that the committee be discharged from any further services on that subject.

Which was read the first and second time by special order.

And, on motion of Teackle, unanimously assented to.

Mr. Ridgely, submitted the following resolution,

Resolved, by the General Assembly of Maryland, That the treasurer of the Western Shore, pay unto the commissioners of the tax, for Anne Arundel county, the sum of dollars, to be by them applied to defraying the expenses of arrest, prosecution, and the conviction, of the rioters on the Baltimore and Washington Rail Road.

Which was read the first time, and ordered to lie on the table.

On motion of Mr. Wharton,

Ordered, That the committee on crimes and punishments, be directed to enquire into the expediency of abolishing capital punishment, within this state, and if it be deemed inexpedient, to enquire into the propriety and policy of prohibiting by law, the public executions of criminals in the several counties of this state.

Mr. Ely, reported a bill, entitled an act, to establish magistrates courts, in the several counties of this state, and to prescribe their jurisdiction.

Which was read the first time, and ordered to lie on the table.

The bill reported by Mr. Carpenter, chairman of the committee on Divorces, entitled, an act to divorce Mary Floyd of St. Mary's county, from her husband Joseph Floyd, was taken up for consideration.

On motion of Mr. Pratt, said bill was amended, by striking out the second section thereof.

The bill was then read the second time as amended, and passed.