

still greater share of the patronage and liberality of the State. I have not received my report from the Directors of this company, but presume it will be laid before you during the session.

Permit me to call your attention to the subject of the Inspection of Flour. The present Law appears liable to some objections, and in my opinion, no law upon this subject could be framed which could have a better effect than one similar to those now existing in the States of New York and Pennsylvania. There is no subject of more importance to the people of every clasp than the establishment and preservation of a proper standard, and for the inspection of these several articles, of Flour, and such a standard is put upon the same footing with those of our Sister States, this best staple of our State will not command abroad the price which is given for the same articles from other quarters. The standard for this article, once adopted ought to continue the same, even should the crop of Wheat grow any casual, be so indifferent as not to make a barrel of Superfine Flour, for it is well known that the quality of the crop varies, and if the standard for Superfine is varied accordingly, it requires you to reconquer the character in foreign markets, which such alteration would cause it to lose in a single year.

The prevailing feeling in several of our Sister States in regard to Lotteries, would seem to offer a favorable opportunity to attempt their entire suppression. They constitute a system of gambling which, although licensed is extremely prejudicial. I would suggest the propriety of Legislative action on this subject. Should you agree with me that they ought to be abolished, it would be proper for the purpose of accomplishing the end, that the Legislature should adopt a Resolution to be communicated to the respective States, proposing to do away the system whenever the other States should do the same. The reason is evident why such a course ought to be adopted, for should any State refuse to sanction the States of refusing would receive a vast amount from other States for the purchase of tickets, and the object endeavored to be gained, would be entirely defeated, but should all the States agree to the proposition to take effect at the same time, there would be an end to the system tending to demoralize the people, and which offers an incentive to corruption and fraud.

I have the honor to lay before you the Report of the Adjutant General with the names of those Officers who have reported to him agreeably to the provisions of the Resolution no 121 of last Session. The Militia Law of this State has become nearly a dead letter, and will require your attention. Upon this difficult subject I would suggest an inquiry of the expediency of repealing the present Militia Laws, (from the number of Amendments have become intricate, and almost impossible to be understood), leaving the commissioned Officers as they are, and passing a new Law, plain and easily to be comprehended, which should place the Militia upon a respectable footing. I am in mention for enquiry, whether it would not be proper to provide