

I heard, the opening argument in favor of the contract, and I found it to be conceded that there were a great number of tickets daily sold, in the Consolidated Lotteries, on which the tax imposed by law is not paid. Now if the lottery system is to be continued, let the laws be strictly enforced, let the State have the *whole tax*, not a part of it, let the Consolidated Lotteries have all they are by law entitled to, not a mere fraction. Now as I understand the case, if we ratify this contract, we adopt for the present, all that has been done in this way, and justify it for the future. I cannot consent to this. Nor am I willing indirectly, to bring the Carroll County Grant into the Consolidated Lotteries. If it is there by law, the agreement of November 1848, was unnecessary, if not there the Commissioners of Lotteries have no right to change an act of the Legislature.

If the Legislature is willing to place it in the Consolidated Grants, let it be done by a plain and direct law.

For these and other reasons I am in favor of rejecting both contracts, and of offering an opportunity to every one to bid, and I therefore submit the accompanying resolution for the consideration of the House:

Respectfully submitted,

HUGH C. WHITEFORD.

Resolved by the General Assembly of Maryland, That the contract reported by the Lottery Commissioners dated 11th November, 1848 and 18th July, 1849, be and each of them is hereby rejected.