

was referred the petition of sundry citizens of Allegany county, praying for a lottery grant, for the purposes therein mentioned, delivered the following report.

The committee on lotteries to whose consideration was referred the petition of sundry citizens of Allegany county, praying that a law may pass to authorise the drawing of a lottery, to raise a sum of money to complete the roads therein mentioned, report, That they would cheerfully recommend the prayer of the petitioners to the favourable consideration of the legislature, could they do so consistently with what they conceive to be the settled policy of the state in regard to the lottery system. For several years past the legislature has made this system subservient to the purposes of revenue, and has uniformly refused to grant lottery privileges for specific objects. Under this view of the subject, the committee can perceive no reasons sufficiently strong in the present instance to induce them to depart from what seems to be an established principle. They therefore ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

All which is respectfully submitted.

By order,

Benjamin Seegar, Clk.

Which was twice read and concurred in.

Mr. Comegys from the committee on divorces made a favourable report upon the bill from the senate, entitled, An act to divorce Richard Gittings and Elizabeth Gittings, of Baltimore county.

Which was read.

Mr. Stewart from the committee on claims, made a favourable report on the petition of Martin Bourke, of Washington county, accompanied with the following resolution.

Resolved by the General Assembly of Maryland, That the fine imposed by Washington county court, at March term 1830, upon Martin Bourke of said county, for selling merchandise at auction without license, be, and the same is hereby remitted; and if the same has been paid, the treasurer of the western shore is hereby authorised and required to refund the sum so paid over to the said Bourke, or his order.

Which was twice read, the report concurred in, and the resolution therein contained assented to, and sent to the senate.

Mr. Gale reported a bill, entitled, An act to incorporate the Port Deposit Library Company.

Which was read the first, and by special order the second time, passed, and sent to the senate.