

ency of authorising a new assessment of all the property in the respective counties of this State, and report to this House, by bill or otherwise, at as early a day as practicable.

Mr. Compton, chairman of the committee on divorces, made unfavourable reports upon the petition of Sarah Block, of Dorchester county;

Also, the petition of Fanny Easterday, of Frederick county, severally praying to be divorced.

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

Mr. Chandler, chairman of the committee on Lotteries, delivered the following report:

The committee on Lotteries, to whom was referred the memorial of James F. Brice and others, of the city of Annapolis, praying the grant of a Lottery to raise funds for the purpose of constructing a Rail Road between the cities of Baltimore and Annapolis, beg leave to report, that they have had the same under consideration; and that after mature deliberation, upon the importance of the object, as represented by the petitioners, and which they believe it merited, are unanimously of opinion, that without conflicting with, and subverting in a measure, the settled policy which the State of Maryland has adopted, of bringing the proceeds of Lotteries into the public Treasury, as a source of revenue, to meet the ordinary expenditures of the Government, the prayer of the petitioners cannot be granted: and as the committee deem it inadvisable that Legislation should be exercised upon any subject which will tend to the injury of, or in any way impair the system of Finance, now in operation in this State; they do recommend that the petitioners may be permitted to withdraw their memorial.

UNIT CHANDLER, Chairman.

By order,

ROBERT GRIFFITH, Clk.

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

Mr. Compton, Chairman of the Committee of divorces, reported a bill, entitled, An act to divorce George Carey, of Worcester county, from his wife Nancy Carey;

And Mr. Slicer reported a bill, entitled, An act to repeal an act, entitled, An act for the preservation of fish in Allegany county, passed at December session 1831.

Which were severally read the first and second time by special order, passed, and sent to the Senate.