

state; the treasurer of the Western Shore, in 1830, was authorised to issue stock to the amount of twenty thousand dollars, redeemable at pleasure, and apply the surplus proceeds of the state lotteries, already pledged to the completion of the monument, to its redemption. Of the stock thus issued, the treasurer has redeemed one half, and it is believed that by the end of the present year he will be enabled to redeem the whole, thus "leaving the avails of the lottery system in condition to supply much of what may be required for the completion of the monument," though not as fast as its present condition demands; because (for the want of the necessary funds to finish and protect it) the monument is daily suffering dilapidation and injury; and your committee fear that in the absence of the safety that the enclosure, as contemplated, is calculated to give, it may be so disfigured and defaced as in part to defeat the original intention of the state when they first authorised its erection—that whilst it bore witness to coming generations of the gratitude of Maryland for the distinguished services of the illustrious individual to whose honor it was erected, it might also furnish a noble and beautiful specimen of the arts.

The question is not now; whether the state was justified in incurring the expense of its erection, but whether the monument shall longer remain in an unfinished condition, or be at once completed.

The state having undertaken the erection of the monument and solemnly adopted it as her own, has already advanced far towards its completion, and expended large sums of money for that purpose; and your committee cannot suppose that the abandonment of the enterprize by the state, would be for a moment entertained, as the patriotism of her citizens, their natural state pride, as well as their veneration for the father of his country, all alike forbid it. But whether in the present condition of the finances, it would not be as well to postpone for a time, the day of its final completion, was a question that engaged the particular attention of your committee.

It has before been stated, by your committee, in this report, that the surplus revenue of the state lotteries over and above the net sum of twelve thousand dollars, is pledged by the managers to defray the expences incident to its final completion, according to the original design of the architect; and that in the event of the abandonment of the lottery system by the state, then, and in that case, the privilege of drawing lotteries originally granted to the managers, reverts to them, and they are authorised to raise by