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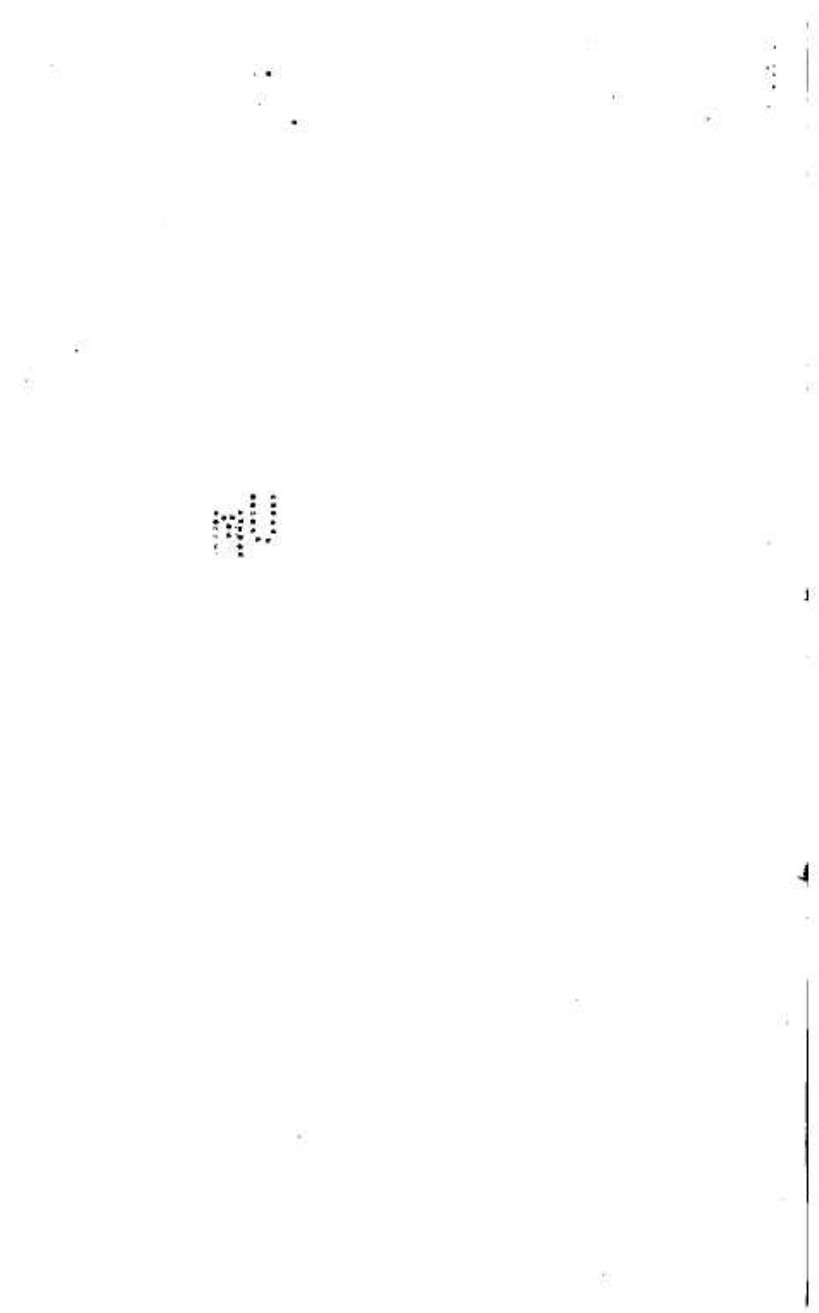
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At a Meeting of a number of citizens of Philadelphia friendly to the entire abolition of Lotteries, held on the 12th day of January, 1833,

An Essay was presented and read by Jon R. Tyson, Esq. who had prepared it in compliance with a previous request upon the history, extent, and pernicious consequences of that species of gambling.

Whereupon it was Resolved, That five thousand copies of said Essay be printed for gratuitous distribution throughout the United States.

(Signed) THOMAS C. JAMES, Chairman.

Attest—JOHN M. ATWOOD, Secretary.

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At a MEETING OF CITIZENS OF PHILADELPHIA, held at the Hall of the College of Pharmacy, November 22, 1833, it was

RESOLVED, that it is expedient to publish a second edition of the pamphlet by JOB R. TYSON, entitled, "*A brief survey of the great extent and evil tendencies of the Lottery System, as existing in the United States;*" and that the author be requested by this Meeting to prepare the same for republication, with such additional facts upon the subject as he may have recently collected, for the purpose of being diffused through those states in which lotteries are still permitted to exist.

THOMAS EARP, Chairman.

Attest—EDWARD YARNALL, Secretary.

PREFACE.

THE writer of the following sheets has been too unequivocally admonished of the feelings already excited among the *lottery trade*, not to anticipate from a new publication some decided evidence of unpopularity. But stimulated by the wishes of those at whose desire the original essay was prepared, and sustained by a conviction that he was doing right, he could not yield to a reluctance which was to be justified upon no higher ground than the abject fear of offending, or the dread of labour. In complying, therefore, with a second request, he feels solicitous that the additional facts and reasonings with which this edition is enlarged, should recommend it to the consideration of those friends of virtue and the country, of the other states, for whom it is specially designed.

Whilst lotteries are allowed to exist in any one state, her sisters of the confederacy cannot be exempt from their pernicious influence. If tickets have been extensively vended in New Jersey, New Hampshire, and Massachusetts, after the abolition of their domestic systems, and in direct contravention of penal enactments, it can fairly be presumed that no district in the country, whatever may be its internal regulations, will be able to enjoy a perfect immunity. Signs may disappear, and even offices vanish, but in proportion as ingenuity is taxed, circumvention will be practised, and the evil which is now openly effected, will be accomplished by means of secret peddling. The design therefore is to diffuse correct information over the United States, in the hope that each member of the Union may be induced

to relinquish a system which is so fraught with moral mischief and political calamity, as well to the state in which it prevails, as to her neighbouring and distant confederates.

The facts here displayed have been obtained from an extensive examination of the subject, and a correspondence with well-informed individuals in different parts of the United States. Several cases have been received from unexceptionable private hands; some rest upon the authority of high public functionaries; and some upon the verity of the public records. Of those derived from other publications, few have been adopted without as minute personal inquiry as circumstances rendered it possible to institute.

But the writer feels that the subject is susceptible of a much more forcible and eloquent exhibition than his leisure has permitted, or his abilities have enabled him to make. Many reflections which seemed to be new and striking, might easily have been indulged, had his object been less to present an epitome of facts than to write an attractive and philosophical treatise. The little time which he could snatch, by hurried intervals, from the pressure of other engagements, has been so exclusively devoted to the collecting, arranging and authenticating of facts, as to prevent much attention to the graces of composition. Literary excellence, however, being of minor consequence in a task of this nature, he was satisfied with pursuing incontestable premises to sound conclusions in the simplicity of familiar and perspicuous language.

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