

## THOMPSON v. MILLIGAN.

{2 Cranch, C. C. 207.}<sup>1</sup>

Circuit Court, District of Columbia. June Term, 1820.

## LOTTERIES—MARYLAND STATUTE—DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA—NOTE—ILLEGAL CONSIDERATION.

It was not lawful, in 1812, in the District of Columbia, to sell lottery tickets, in the Potomac and Shenandoah Navigation Lottery, although the lottery was authorized by an act of the legislature of Maryland passed in 1809 [1 Dorsey's Laws, 590]; and a note given for the purchase of such tickets, in 1812, being given for an unlawful consideration was void.

{Cited in *Smith v. Chesapeake & O. Canal Co.*, Case No. 13,024.}

Assumpsit, upon the defendant's promissory note for \$2,422.50, given for the purchase of tickets in the second class of the Potomac and Shenandoah Navigation Lottery, authorized by an act of Maryland passed in 1809.

Mr. Jones, for defendant [Joseph Milligan], contended that the sale of such tickets in this county is void as being contrary to the act of Maryland, 1792, c. 58 [1 Dorsey's Laws. 288], adopted by the act of congress of 27th February, 1801 (2 Stat. 103), as decided by this court in *Hawkins v. Cox* [Case No. 6,243], at June term, 1819.

Mr. Key, for plaintiff.

The plaintiff [Jonah Thompson] became nonsuit.

<sup>1</sup> [Reported by Hon. William Cranch, Chief Judge.]

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