

be preposterous to suppose. Comparing then, the lottery business of this State as it is now conducted, with others of a speculative character, the Commissioners do not hesitate to declare it as their opinion, that it possesses on the score of protection against "frauds and impositions," decided advantages. Being under their constant observation, any attempts of the kind could not fail to be immediately detected by them, and the perpetrators brought to punishment. With such powers then, to restrain abusers, but which they are happy to say have not, to their knowledge, occurred since the revision of the system, it cannot be surprising that the Commissioners should repel the imputation made in one of those memorials, and tending to impeach their official characters, of "frauds and impositions being extensively practised in this business," and with dealers of lotteries being "permitted to fleech from the blind and ignorant."

As respects the allegation that the speculators in lotteries "are chiefly of the labouring and poorer classes" and "that a large portion of the bank officers and confidential clerks who have betrayed their trust and robbed their employers, have been seduced to their ruin, by lottery gambling," the undersigned have full confidence in the truth of the statements made to them by some of the most respectable lottery dealers in the city, contradicting the same, and which accompany this communication marked A, B, C and D. Having made diligent inquiry into both these cases, they are satisfied that as regards the labouring and poorer classes, instances are but few compared with other classes of adventurers, who embark in the lottery purchases.

If it were true, as reported, that dealers in lotteries, in this city, were permitted or were in the habit of subdividing tickets so as to dispose of shares for as small sums as "twelve and a half cents" as perhaps is the practice in other States where no protection is afforded, and from which, no doubt, the inference is assumed, that similar acts are practised here, then, in all probability, persons of the above description might often be found in the list of adventurers. But they have not been able to trace out one instance of such violation of the system, and as further proof, refer you to the accompanying papers, marked E and F.

In the second case above referred to, they have been equally unsuccessful in discovering any instances of "bank officers and confidential clerks being brought to their ruin" by lotteries.— They are aware that certain cases of mal-conduct have been ascribed to this cause, but they undertake to say, that if proper investigation be made, it will be found in these, as they are in