

2d. "That the aggregate of all schemes of lotteries, in which tickets are sold throughout the United States every year, is upwards of fifty millions of dollars; adding 25 per cent, advanced on the price of the tickets, it is upwards of sixty millions" of dollars.

3d. "That of this last amount, not more than two-thirds at the farthest, and making a due allowance for frauds and impositions, which it is believed are extensively practised in the business, we may safely assume that not more than one half is actually returned in prizes."

4th. That "of the remaining third or half, a small part goes to the object designed to be aided by the Lottery (in Maryland to the State Treasury,) another portion to defray the expenses, and the residue, amounting annually to not less than twelve or fifteen millions of dollars, is divided among the dealers in lottery tickets, who have multiplied tenfold in all the large cities, within a few years."

5th. That the enormous profit of one dollar upon every four dollar ticket, or two dollars upon every eight dollar ticket which they (the dealers) have been permitted to filch from the blind and ignorant adventurers, not one in fifty of whom is aware of it, shows at once, a sufficient cause for this increase."

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*Letter from S. Scribner & Co., Agents for Yates & McIntyre, to the Commissioners of Lotteries.*

Baltimore, January 25th, 1835.

Gentlemen,—

Your note of this day's date is before us, asking a statement of facts, so far as comes within our knowledge, relative to certain assertions made in that part of a memorial to the Legislature of Maryland, as is set forth under the following extracts from said memorial, viz:

1st. "The inherent unfairness and inequality of the game (of lottery speculations) that in the most favorable aspect and including all chances, the risk is against the adventurer about in the proportion of 3 to 2."

2d. "That the aggregate of all schemes of lotteries, in which tickets are sold throughout the United States every year, is upwards of fifty millions of dollars; adding 25 per cent advance on the price of tickets, it is upwards of 60 millions of dollars."