

3d. "That of this vast 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 this 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 larger 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."

To which we make the following reply:—

It is difficult to comprehend what idea the memorialists intend to convey in this sentence—"the risk is against the adventurer about as 3 to 2." If they mean that there are three blanks to two prizes, the statement is true! because the magnitude of prizes is in proportion to the number of chances; but if they mean to convey the idea that there are in the aggregate of the lottery, three dollars to two against the adventurer, we say positively, that the assertion is not true! as you will see hereafter.

We know of no unfairness in the lottery speculations, and if there is any unfairness in the lottery speculations more than in other ordinary branches of business generally, which are speculations, we are unable to discover it.

As to their being, in gross amount, "fifty millions of dollars in schemes, issued in the United States every year," we can only say, that we cannot ascertain the precise amount of such schemes; neither have we any disposition to pry into the affairs of other States (out of our province,) to defend charges brought against us there; but we solemnly declare, that the contractors (Messrs. Yates & M'Intyre) do not add one cent to the scheme price of tickets which they sell to the lottery dealers, and we need not go beyond the State of Maryland to prove the fact.

As respects "this vast amount of schemes issued," we show that the entire sales made in this market (which includes a part of the adjoining states,) is less than from 1-60th to 1-100th