

State Fund, - - - - - 106,139 91

Total, - - - - - \$112,537 04

“To the 6th interrogatory—This is answered, as far as practicable by document A.

“To the 7th interrogatory—Accompanying these answers is a copy of the eighth annual report of the State Society, which contains, on page 11, a balance sheet from its organization and which will convey as accurate general idea of the manner in which the expenditure have been made as could be conveyed, without a particular examination of the books, in which every transaction will be found entered with the accuracy of a mercantile establishment. But it may not be irrelevant to state here, the general course of business of the society.

“The funds of the Society are derived from three sources—the State, individual contributions, and their trade—all of which go to one object, the promotion of the objects of the act of 1831.

“The expenditures being principally incurred in sending emigrants to Africa, and supporting them there, the chief outlay is to be found under the head of the different expeditions on the books. Instead of permitting the agent in Africa to draw on the society for his expenses, goods are sent out to meet them. These goods on the coast of Africa are worth one hundred per cent, more than they cost, and this is the saving of sending goods instead of accepting and paying drafts. The principal article sent is tobacco, which when bought in Baltimore at \$10, sells in Africa at \$20. At the end of every year, therefore, there is a profit made, which is carried to the credit of profit and loss, which item on the balance sheet has \$9,046 98, to its credit, after charging it with all matters on which loss has been made in all departments of business; the real profit made by the transactions being much greater than this sum.

“When a shipment is made to Africa, the agent there is charged with it, and when he returns his semi-annual accounts he is credited so far as he accounts for it. When the accounts of the agent show how he has spent the funds, the object to which they are applied are charged, and the expeditions credited.

“The expedition by the Bourne, for instance, cost \$3,691 25. Subsequent accounts of the agent showed what portion of her cargo had been spent in opening roads, supporting emigrants, buying territory, &c. &c., and at length she remained charged with but \$1,096 07, the balance having been shown to be properly applied. The sum of \$1,096 07 is therefore the actual cost to the State and the society of the mere transportation of the emigrants by the Bourne. The balance of the cost of the expedition having been accounted for by showing its appropriation to matters connected with their support on the voyage, and for six months in Africa, providing for their reception there, and the general wants of the colony. Were the Bourne’s emigrants (taking this vessel for example,) fifty-seven in number, to be carried out by other than the society, the