

mind at once to call ~~the~~ your attention to a matter  
too important to leave uncorrected.

This book is rapidly being circulated in this part  
of the State, there being here a mooted point ~~being~~  
between the Catholics & Episcopalians relative to  
the religious characteristics of the charter & the  
colonial grants & whatever of interest attaches  
to the book in this respect gives equal weight  
to every statement of importance of a political  
nature, & hence the answer which I frequently  
have received from otherwise well informed men

"Mr. Wells the annual appropriation ought to be  
sufficient, we are taxed to raise \$20,000 a year &  
in the present dearth of our tobacco sales,  
which is our principal crop, together with the  
backward season, we have not the present  
ability to help the society to a donation, notwith-  
standing I wish the cause success," - is  
only now all at once explained.

The italics in the extract on page 350 are my  
own, and my wonder as to how the Decksan  
impression such as an annual appropriation of  
\$20,000, could obtain is solved. Now I have never  
been enabled to ascertain that there were more  
than \$10,000 a year appropriated by the State, which  
sum was to continue annually, for a period  
of 20 years, dating from the passage of the  
Act of 1831, the donation for that period being  
in round numbers \$200,000. 18 years of the  
whole amount have been consumed & accord-  
ing to Mr. Sherrys statement there have  
already been expended upon the colony \$360,000,  
which in 20 years at \$20,000 a year would  
make the appropriation \$400,000! I have  
not the Act of Assembly before me, nor the supplement  
thereto, but from my notes which I have just  
taken out of my saddle bag, I glean the  
following & if you draw from the Treasurer  
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II. Correspondence Received  
A. Letter Books

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