of the "Cora," we have charged for the support of Sixty Africans less than were actually landed from that prize.

The most that can be said then, if there really exist discrepancies, is that it can be attributed only to inadvertence and a want of more careful investigation on the part of our Commissioners.

When it is recollected how laborious the task must be to ascertain the precise day and time of the increase and decrease of the thousands of Africans scattered over hundreds of miles of coast, and 20 or 30 miles interior wise, apprentiched out among 5 or 600 guardians, dwelling on farms and in inland towns, it must cease to be a matter of surprise if some discrepancies should occur.

I must also invite your attention to another point. Excepting the Nightengale, the several repeats with Africans arrived in Liberia in the year 1864, and it was not until January 1. 1864 that this Government had any thing whatever to do with them.

It was at this time that the arrangement between this Government and your Society went into operation. The Africans by the "Nightengale" came immediately into our hands, and from the Secretary's letter there seems to be no discrepancies in the reports for the Recaptives by that vessel.

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A. Letter Books

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