Colonization Office
Baltimore Feby 18th 1854

At a meeting of the Board of Managers of the Maryland State Colonization Society, held at their Office pursuant to notice on

were present. = Charles Howard, President.
Dr. J. H. Briscoe. Wm Crane. F. T. King. J. Tyson Jr.
Wm Woodward. Wm F. Giles. Wm H. Keighler.

The President read letters to Dr. McGill, & Prout & Capell which on motion were approved & adopted.

The President then opened the subject of the appointment of an Agent of the Society in Mardl. in Liberia – & stated, at the advice of the Genl. Agent, he had appointed J. T. Gibson Esqr. to that Office, & read his commission. Also read a letter to Dr. McGill on that subject, – which on motion were adopted. He also read the following resolutions which were adopted.

Office of the Md. St. Col. Society
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Messrs. Wm Capell & Wm H. Prout. } Commissioners from Maryland in Liberia

Gentlemen,

The object of your Mission to the United States being successfully accomplished, it only remains for the President & Managers of the State Coloniz. Society to congratulate you before your departure, upon the results of your visit to us. We take pleasure in expressing our hope and belief, that these will be as acceptable and gratifying to your Constituents as they have been to the Society, and that the measures adopted during your sojourn with us will be the commencement of a new era in the history of Maryland in Liberia, from which will date her rapid progress in her onward march to prosperity and national greatness.

You will carry back with you the Articles of Agreement formally entered into by you and by the Society, (of which a Duplicate is retained here in the Office of the Society,) and a Preamble & Resolution unanimously adopted by the President & Managers, in reference to the Temperance Question. In submitting these Documents to your Constituents, we pray you to assure them of the deep interest we feel for their welfare, and of our firm Trust & Belief, that with the Blessing of Divine Providence they will go on and prosper, and lay broad and deep the foundations of a Nation destined hereafter to execute a mighty influence for the benefit of the whole African Race throughout the World.

Wishing you, in the name of the whole Board a safe voyage and happy return to your own Country and in their behalf bidding you "God Speed"

I am Gentlemen,
Very Respectfully Your's
Charles Howard,
President. Md. St. Col. Soc.

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