

At a meeting of the Md. State Colonization Society, October 21st, 1851, on the annunciation of the death of Governor Russwurm, the following Resolutions were unanimously adopted :

Resolved, That the Board have heard with profound regret of the death of John B. Russwurm, the State Society's Agent on the Coast of Africa, and Governor of Maryland in Liberia, and desire to express their high appreciation of his character and services.

Resolved, That, in the opinion of this Board, Mr. Russwurm, as the first colored Governor appointed to that office in Liberia, vindicated by the eminent ability of his administration, the perfect fitness of his race for the most important political positions in Africa, and won for himself a lasting and honorable fame.

Resolved, That this Board deem it their duty here to record, that in the period of fifteen years, during which he was their agent, they never had a single occasion to censure or find fault with his conduct, in his official or private character.

Resolved, That in order to perpetuate the memory of one so worthy, this Board will cause a Marble Monument to be erected at Cape Palmas, with an inscription doing justice to his talents and his virtues.

Resolved, That the President of the Society be requested to communicate to Mrs. Russwurm a copy of the proceedings on this occasion, and to express to her the sympathies of the members of the Board in her late afflicting bereavement.

Resolved, That a copy of the proceedings be sent to the acting Governor of Md. in Liberia, for promulgation in the Colony ; and also be published in the Colonization Journal, and in the papers of the city of Baltimore.

WM. F. GILES, *Recording Secretary.*

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