

REPORT
OF THE
BOARD OF MANAGERS
OF THE
Maryland State Colonization Society.

At the expiration of a quarter of a century from the organization of this Society, the Board of Managers offer their congratulations to its members on the successful results of their labors. Brief as is such a period in the history of nations, it has sufficed for the accomplishment of much, in the onward progress of the communities founded on the shores of Africa. The Board humbly believe that Divine Providence has been pleased manifestly to bless their efforts to open a way for the amelioration of the condition of a large portion of the human family in both hemispheres; and they trust that by his favor, the feeble germ of another nation which they have been enabled to plant in that benighted region, may ripen into powerful and prosperous communities, through whose instrumentality, Africa may be enlightened and civilized; and where her descendants in this quarter of the Globe may hereafter find happy and prosperous homes.

In this, their first formal Report since the resignation of Mr. John H. B. Latrobe, the former President of the Society, the Board cannot forbear adverting to his long connexion with them, and paying a slight tribute to his devotion to the cause of Colonization: a cause to which, in early youth, he devoted his best energies, and of which he has, at all times and under all circumstances, been the unwavering friend, and able advocate and supporter.

Upon the organization of the Maryland State Colonization Society in February, 1831, Mr. Latrobe, who had already from his exertions during preceding years, acquired a high position among

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