

published by the Maryland State Society, for ample and interesting information as to the history, progress and present condition of the Colony of Maryland in Liberia. This is now a self-governed and independent State; but the Maryland State Society, though they have relinquished all claim whatever to political supremacy over it, still enjoy all the necessary rights and privileges, to enable them as they have hitherto done, to transport thither the Free Colored people of this State, and to endow them on their arrival there with land for their abiding homes.

The number of manumissions in this State, since the 1st of January, 1854, as reported to this Board is 314, of which 115 were to take immediate effect, and 199 were prospective. The entire number reported to the Board, since their organization in 1832, has been 4,877, of which 1,839 were immediate, and 3,038 prospective, or conditional. The amount drawn by the State Managers from the Treasury, from the 1st January, 1854, to the 1st January, 1856, is twenty thousand dollars, making the total amount drawn since the passage of the Act of 1852, forty thousand dollars. The whole of this amount has been and is being expended by the Maryland State Colonization Society, under the inspection of the Board of State Managers, in the removal of free persons of Color from Maryland to Africa, and in providing for their establishment and support as far as is necessary, according to the provisions of the several Acts of the General Assembly above mentioned.

The Board respectfully ask leave to refer to the Report of the Maryland State Colonization Society for the year 1856, for such further information as it might otherwise have been proper herein more fully to set forth.

Respectfully submitted,

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MD. STATE COLONIZATION OFFICE,  
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