

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 and Resolution unanimously adopted by the President and 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 and 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, yours,

CHARLES HOWARD,
President Maryland State Col. Society.

MONROVIA, June 17th, 1854.

DR. JAMES HALL:

Dear Sir,—I left Cape Palmas on the 14th inst. and arrived here this morning. Mr. Gibson's letter of appointment as Agent of the Society, was delivered to him on the 1st inst. on which day his services commenced; the salary agreed upon was \$500 per annum, subject to the approval of the Board of Managers. The Constitution for the State of Maryland in Liberia, with the clause prohibiting the traffic in ardent spirits, was adopted by the people on the 29th ult. and on the 6th inst. the following gentlemen were elected to different offices under the same, viz:

Governor, William A. Prout.

Lieut. Governor, B. J. Drayton.

Senators, I. T. Gibson, A. Wood, Thomas Fuller and John B. Bowen.

Delegates, Daniel F. Wilson, Charles Harmon, John Cooper, Henry Pinkett and John E. Molton.

High Sheriff, Samuel S. Reynolds.

Coroner, Peter Siscoe.

Thomas Mason is appointed *Secretary of State*.

The Governor's inauguration took place on the 8th inst. when your Agent, by whom he was sworn into office, relinquished the government into his hands.

On the 9th, the Governor of the State was presented to the Native Chiefs; after saying all that was necessary to them in relation to the changes that had taken place in the Government, he made them suitable presents with which they were well satisfied and pleased.

I have the honor to be, your obedient servant,

SAMUEL F. MCGILL.

APPOINTMENT OF OFFICERS FOR THE STATE OF MARYLAND
IN LIBERIA.

Secretary of State, Thomas Mason.

Chief Justice, William Cassell.

Attorney General, _____

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D. Reports of the Board of Managers
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