statements furnished by the State Colonization Society, but from the concurrent testamony of numerous and impartial visitors.

The managers in adopting of a system to govern them in the expenditure of the annual appropriation to the object, deemed that they would but promote the views of the Legislature and the interests of the state by placing the colony at Cape Palmas on a safe and permanent foundation.

The act of Assembly under which the managers were appointed, authorises them to provide a place on the Coast of Africa for the reception of emigrants from Maryland as well as to furnish the means for their transportation of such emigrants.

The managers took the Colonization plan as the one which is to be made ultimately successful through voluntary emigration of the free people of color at their own charge, in the same way that the emigration from Europe to America is now carried on: and they believe that all that is necessary to bring about this result, in addition to the pressure of circumstances, upon the free people of color here, is to make the Colony on the Coast of Africa an industrious, moral, happy & moral community. The managers are satisfied that there can be done, and that a judicious expenditure of the funds at their disposal, in providing for the reception of emigrants & in promoting the improvement of the Colony is more desirable in the early periods of the Colony than the crowding of emigrants upon it. As far as they can judge, and they have every possible opportunity the managers believe that the proceedings of the State Colonization Society have been wise, and to good effect. The managers are persuaded that the agency of the Society has been productive of much saving to the state, in this way the Society inverts the funds obtained from the managers in goods which their experience enables them to select with reference to the African Market - and these are sent to the Colony, where at an hundred per cent advance they constitute the money of the settlement. Were the Agent an African for instance to require a thousand dollars worth of goods to make preparations for emigrants, and was obliged to procure them on the Coast he would have to give a draft on the managers for that sum to the transient trader from whom he would receive in return good that had cost but five hundred dollars in the United States; whereas by investing the one thousand dolls. in the goods required in the United States and sending them to the agent in Africa he would have two thousand instead of one thousand dollars worth

of available means. To conduct the business of Colonization in this way requires a mercantile system & management which the managers would not be able without great trouble & expense to obtain and which is fully obtained thro' the agency of the State Society.

In their last annual Report the managers alluded to the prevalence of an abolition feeling among many of the free people of color which interfered with the proceedings of the Agents for collecting emigrants: and they are sorry that they cannot announce that it has ceased to exist. From all that they can learn the effort of abolitionism is directed mainly to the defeat of Colonization: and the Agents are still followed by those who strive by falshood and misrepresentation to prevent emigration to Africa. The managers are informed however and believe that a change in this particular for the better is gradually taking place; and the most powerfull agent in producing it, is intelligence, well authenticated, of the growing prosperity of the Maryland Colony.

During the past year eighty five emigrants have been sent to Africa, & the prospects for a much larger number during the coming year. Indeed when the agents were collecting last years expedition the applications were more numerous than the state Society deemed it proper to send and applications were in consequence discouraged.

The sum drawn from the Treasury during the fiscal year of the state was $10.000. With a view to carry out the plans & views herein before stated the managers propose to draw for a larger sum during the ensuing twelve months. They believe that by so doing they will the more essentially promote the ultimate objects of legislation on the subject hastening the period when the emigration of the free colored people from the state to the Maryland Colony will be the result of a general feeling in its favour & be carried on without cost to the State by the free colored people themselves.

The number of manumission immediate and prospective during the last year has been two hundred & eighty six, and the whole number of manumission since the passage of the act under which the managers were appointed is Eighteen hundred & Sixty seven.

All which respectfully submitted

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