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### PROSPECTUS.

State Colonization Society, and the Board of mately be dependent on them for land for our old man in consequence and influence. Managers of the State Fund, have resolved people, and to obtain a pre-emptive claim to to publish a quarterly journal, for the purpose their territory apparently as a matter of courof diffusing information concerning the prin- tesy and kindness rather than necessity. ciples and progress of the Maryland plan of colonization. The Journal will also contain occasional notices of the operations of the friends of colonization in other parts of the important and extensive influence possessed Union. It will be published, at least, once a by king Tom, of Robookah, over the river quarter, and sometimes oftener. Persons people, I determined, if practicable, to connect wishing to receive it regularly as published, him in some manner with the colony, or at may become subscribers by paying fifty cents least to cultivate a friendly intercourse with per annum in advance. Donations for the him. For a long time he held off, having support of the paper will be thankfully receiv- been, in the first place, greatly exasperated ed. The friends of colonization throughout that our liege kings should take no notice of mitting for the Journal any intelligence which at the time of our purchase; and also at not may promote the cause it advocates.

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# Communication from Dr. Hall.

REV. J. LEIGHTON WILSON.

reader for an attentive perusal of it. It is men of the Yeabreh people, who manages the other kings were absent. given without the omission of a single line, the whole business and receives the offering believing it will be read by all who feel inte- of the pilgrims; this he is obliged to distribute rested in Africa.

Harper, Liberia, Nov. 3d, 1835.

per schooner Harmony, I stated to you our vious to my visit to Cavally. Among the ing, that in consequence of their late opposition So romantic was the spot, that one could harding the palaver with the Half Cavally people, himself. This greatly alarmed the two bush they were afraid to visit his town, but would of this we soon had convincing proof, from a and also my attempt to open a communication kings, as they were sensible that, in case talk the palaver as he should dictate. We shower of musketry poured down upon us, in to an issue.

kings Freeman, Boleo, and Baphro, did not State Colonization Society, hoping thereby to War, and others, to visit the other kings, and act in good faith in deeding their territory to throw the power he felt himself losing into assist in setting the palaver with them. me, which I then suspected; but delay, in order other hands than those of his enemies, and to spent Sunday, the 18th, at Robookah. The to investigate the matter at that time, would secure himself a good reputation with his new men did not return with their luggage until about thirty feet from the water level. It is have been exceedingly dangerous to the whole allies. I also subsequently learned that he late in the evening. Arrangements were made, quite small, in comparison with our beach undertaking. Instead of owning the land, as had received some intelligence of my negocia- early on Monday morning, to meet king Tom towns, and the houses are miserably constructspecified in the deed, they only have claim to tions with the bush kings on the river, and he at Bluroh, to dash him and head-men after I ed. I should judge it did not contain three a strip, of about five miles in breadth, from readily foresaw, that should an arrangement had overhauled our baggage. Cape Palmas to king Cava's country, of about be effected with them for opening a road The business of preparation for ascend- screaming as usual. We gave them a crack

VISIT TO THE KING OF ROBOOKAH. Having for some time been aware of the

receiving any share of the money, as is custo-All communications are to be directed mary, in similar cases, in this country. Howto the Rev. IRA A. EASTER, Office of the big bond to be bond to the big bond t his head trade men, he began to manifest a more friendly disposition, and at the time was about effecting a treaty with the bush kings, as above mentioned, I received a friendly message from king Tom, requesting me to visit him, and stating his willingness to Under 'An Act relating to the People of Colour in | treat with me upon the subject of a cession of his territory, as I had often desired. Upon this I immediately embarked in a cance for the Cavally river, which I reached in safety, straining his eyes to the exterior of their obstacles had heretofore baulked our efforts, on landing. About two miles from the river's mouth, I perceived the water, which constantly dashed in upon us, to be much warmer than the sea water generally, and on further examination I found it almost perfectly fresh. You may therefore judge with what velocity voyage. the Cavally discharges its waters into the ocean. From Baphro's place, I immediately despatched a messenger to king Tom, at

about three miles from its mouth on the west less to give assent. side, already deeded to and belonging to the I remained in this man's company more than

his sub-kings, owing to the following cause: - posed for its successful accomplishment.

among the head-men of his tribe to their gene-

relations with the tribes in our vicinity, detail- candidates for his successor was king Tom to King Tom, in election for grand devil priest, to the Cavally river, via the Bush country, king Tom succeeded, he would trouble him- now speedily set about it, and agreed upon the honour of our arrival. Passing this town,

and of my sending for, and exchanging pre- self little about a division of the spoils, and most important points, insomuch that I deter- (Denah.) we immediately came abreast of sents, &c. with the Bush kings, in order to there would be an end to this prolific source mined ascending the river, and forthwith Neatoh, another town, subject to king Toureh effect this object. Although these attempts of profit. They accordingly opposed king despatched my head kroomen for goods, pispromised to result in the easy accomplishment Tom, and succeeded in securing the election tols, ammunition, and all necessary apparatus a moment after leaving Neatoh, we rounded to of the object desired, yet subsequent events of a head-man of one of their bush towns. for the voyage.

and possessed by bush kings, totally indepen- these circumstances led me to suppose that a at Cavally, and remained in boxes until my dent of Freeman, Boleo or Baphro. Knowing treaty would be easily effected with king Tom arrival on Monday noon; consequently, many this to be the true situation of the country, I himself; but at the same time I became more important articles were rendered useless, and was extremely anxious to treat with the bush doubtful of the dispositions of his sub-kings, almost every thing required brushing up. I The Board of Managers of the Maryland kings, ere they perceived that we should ulti- who, I perceived, were rather gaining on the spent the whole afternoon in mounting a large

#### ROBOOKAH AND KING TOM.

large basin at the mouth of the Cavally, and river, I was determined to be in readiness. proceeded to Robookali.

miles from the river, is very old and miserably tives-two large canoes were requisite for our constructed, both as to materials and location. men, baggage, arms, and trade goods. All The small town at the river mouth, called things were arranged, and we had a few hours Blurch, and governed by Kerkeh, one of king of confused sleep before day. With me, it Tom's head-men, is infinitely more pleasant was confused sleep in verity. The near prosand preferable in every respect. After wait pect of accomplishing an enterprise, which ing a proper time, his majesty made his for the past year had engaged my attention, the State will confer a great favour by trans- him in the palaver first held at Cape Palmas appearance in his full court dress, viz. a piece and in all endeavours to effect which, I had of blue baft around his loins, a check shirt, been uniformly foiled,—the romantic mystery and kerseymere waistcoat, dragoon's hat and which enveloped this Grand Devil region, brass trimmings. His countenance is not like inspired me with the greatest enthusiasm. that of most African kings of the ordinary I had also received notice that the Half cast, indicating a total want of character. Cavally people were busily engaged, incit-Although striking, it was at first by no means ing the bush people to acts of hostility, pleasing. His forehead is narrow and sloping, and that they intended to dispute our pashis eyes placed at a great distance from each sage at their river town. I had abundant other, his cheek bones very prominent, form- room for speculation. At daybreak all hands ing the base of a cone, the apex of which you were mustered, and our baggage put on board have in his beard, braided and coiled up under the canoes. The rain poured in torrents, and a very sharp chin. When deeply engaged in from the density of the opaque mass over head, talking a palaver, he has a faculty or habit of we had but little hope of respite during the throwing his chin out horizontally, and of morning. But so many, and more powerful sockets, which gives an expression truly dia- that rain seemed of little consequence. Never bolical. Notwithstanding all that, I found his did African voyager embark on the majestic majesty exceedingly kind, courteous, and hos- Quorra with more enthusiastic delight than I pitable, and what was far more, well disposed experienced in stemming the mighty current towards forwarding the subject matter of my of my favourite Cavally. From the repeated

#### GOVERNOR WAR.

Another personage belonging to this town Robookah, informing him of my arrival, and soon attracted my notice, and I found him, that I would wait upon him the day following, upon inquiry, to be worthy of a formal introsub-kings to sit in the palaver. It will be town, whose English name is Governor War. necessary here to give a slight sketch of the He is the head war-man of the whole Zeabreh political state of king Tom's dominions at this tribe, and probably possesses more real influtime. He is the acknowledged head king of ence than any other man in the country. His the Bulyemah or Grand Devil country, which person is very extraordinary: his countenance includes from two to four hundred square extremely calm and placid, yet, at the same miles, situated on the Cavally river, embrac- time, firm and dignified: he seldom speaks, but its mouth, with the exception of a small town ever he had given his word upon any subject

Maryland State Colonization Society, occu- a week, and daily had some business to transpied by king Baphro, and head-man named act with him; during the whole of which time, vines which the rich African soil always sends Craugh. King Tom was formerly a bush king, I noticed nothing in his conduct or deportment forth in the greatest profusion. On the east and resided some miles up the river. But as he that would derogate in the least from the became more powerful, he removed to the character of any distinguished gentleman in beach and built the town of Robookah, about the civilized world; and I had occasion to witfour miles east of the river mouth. There ness much to admire, and gain at once my to two miles from the river bank, and crops of are two kings belonging to the same tribe, confidence and respect. He appeared at one (Yeabreh) subject, or rather inferior to him, glance fully to understand and appreciate the who inhabit towns, to be hereafter noticed, nature and importance of the business of my most of the way, however, a heavy growth of up the river. There exists at this time a mis- mission, and cordially and judiciously co-opeunderstanding, or jealousy, between Tom and rated with me in all expedient measures pro-

As I said before, and of which I shall speak I found on my arrival that king Tom had more particularly hereafter, this is the Grand not as yet despatched a real official to his landscape presented to the eye the straight, Devil country. In it is located the grand liege kings, but only a notice of my approach. Delphos, which regulates the political move- A messenger was now despatched, demanding United only by branches at their capitals, they ments of some of the most powerful tribes in their attendance. Of course one day would Western Africa. This oracle is consulted by be lost, ere an answer could be received. all from Grand Bassa to St. Andrew's bay, However, in the meantime, the palaver was Missionary at Cape Palmas from the American and I believe was formerly much visited by talked with king Tom, and he was found Considering the great velocity of the current, Ashantees and Fantees. The votaries are favourably disposed. I at once gave him to we passed up rapidly—the almost incessant always obliged to make some remuneration in understand that I should not make a purchase; rain proved a great stimulus to exertion. The proportion to the magnitude of the matter that I was now this countryman, like himself, course of the river was, for the first three miles, under consideration, or the ability of the and should he see fit to join his country to north-west and north-west, gradually devotee, and this is generally pretty ample, as mine, and enjoy the whole in common with my rounding for the next five miles to the north-The following long, but interesting commu- the nature of the answer or the benefit of the people, very well: he would receive other admunication from governor Hall, addressed to fetish is supposed to depend in some degree vantages, therefor, than pecuniary remunera- first town at which we landed. the board of managers, will well repay the upon its amount. There is a kind of high tion. This palaver closed with the day,

# ASCENT OF THE CAVALLY.

ral satisfaction, or he chances to prove a short | Oct. 17 .- We waited, without intelligence lived animal. The last of these dignitaries from the bush kings, until three o'clock in the hill itself seemed suspended from the branches My DEAR SIR,-In my last communication, died by the saucy wood about a month pre- afternoon, when the messenger returned, stat- of the immense trees which rose from its base.

diverted me for a time from bringing the affair This greatly chagrined the king, and was one This evening (Saturday) the enclosed deed of the causes which induced him to treat with was executed, and signed by king Tom and I believe I have before hinted to you that me, and cede his territory to the Maryland head-men, and an escort promised, of Gov.

the same breadth to Half Cavally. They have between Cape Palmas and the river, it would ing the Cavally river was now speedily com- from our swivel, which for a time cleared the no claim whatever to more than two miles on materially lessen his consequence, and the menced. All our baggage had been exposed landing. It was now about half past nine the river. The country between us and the value of his territory, or render it less an to the rain, from the time of leaving Cape o'clock. We had been three and a half hours

swivel in Baphro's big canoe, which I succeeded in doing, so that it worked admirably. Most of the night was spent in making cartridges, repairing arms, and loading. If attack-The next day, October 16, I crossed the ed again, as in our first attempt to ascend the had with me three colonists, (Messrs. Lee, The town is situated on the beach about four | Howard, and Minor.) and about twenty na-

rains experienced the last few weeks, the river was much swollen, and came down with great power, which obliged us to wind closely under the banks for eddies and counter currents. From the basin, as I proceeded up, the river gradually contracted its breadth to half a mile, and should expect to meet his head-men and duction to you. I refer to the head-man of the and sometimes less. Notwithstanding the torrents of rain in which we were drenched, the scenery failed not to excite admiration. We passed three beautiful islands, within a few miles of the river's mouth, two of which had just yielded their crops of rice, and were now thickly covered with a heavy second growth of cassada. The banks were elevated from ing both sides to the extent of ten miles from always to the purpose; and I noted, that whenwater, and the frequent ruptures in them, occasioned by the rapidity of the current, indicated belonging to the Half Cavally people, and in question, no one presumed to say more, un- a great depth of the richest soil. The western bank was covered to the water's edge with bamboo, and other aquatics, bound into one dense impenetrable mass by the innumerable side the prospect was far more interesting, if not more beautiful. Most of the land had been cleared, to the distance of from one half rice and cassada had been successively raised thereon. Some crops were still in the ground; spear grass covered the earth, which led one almost to fancy he could hear the whetting of the scythe, and see the hay cocks in the distance. The back ground of this beautiful closely studded trunks of immense forest trees. appeared like the stupendous columns of ancient architecture supporting the wide extended ever-green terrace formed by their foliage. north-east, and even at east at Ploroh, the

# ARRIVAL AT PLOROH.

The first indications which we perceived of a settlement was a canoe landing: by close watching, we soon perceived, through the bush, a few huts, clustered on the top of a high peak. The ly feel it to be a human habitation. However, of Ploroh, situated like the first mentioned. In under the beautifully located town of Ploroh. Nothing was perceived of it, owing to the immense trees close on the margin of the river, until we were near enough to jump on shore, among the plantain trees, between the houses and water. The main part of the town (that immediately overhanging the river) is elevated hundred souls. But all hands were up, and river, a few miles from the beach, is owned object of desire to the American agent. All Palmas, on Sunday morning, until its arrival on the passage: the distance is between eight