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OF THE BOARD OF MANAGERS OF THE MARY-LAND STATE COLONIZATION SOCIETY.

Since the last annual report the Board of Managers have dispatched two expeditions to Maryland in Liberia. The Columbia sailed from Baltimore to Baltimore on the return of the Columbia. It was of an excellent quality, year, and his efforts will be renewed, until the lishment of a general government in Africa, with thirty-six emigrants on the 17th of May last, but milder than the Cuba tobacco. The leaf was design is accomplished. and the Oberon sailed with fifty-three on the 22d | fine and silky, and segars made from it were pro- During the last year, the labours of the agents | tered positions of the colonies,—their scant popu-November following. Both expeditions were well | nounced by judges to have been unremitting in disseminating informa- lation, and the difficulties of communicating beprovided with every thing necessary to the com- of mildness and flavour. fort of the emigrants on their voyage; and the fall expedition took out the usual supplies of goods to motion of education in Africa, have been able and to call at the dwelling of every citizen; and he the Maryland colony was concerned, that would furnish means for making preparations for the re- efficient auxiliaries of the Board. Mr. Alleyne, has gone through St. Mary's, Charles, and Prince compensate for the additional drain upon means ception of fresh emigrants. The emigrants were their teacher, was at the last dates actively engaged George's counties, in this manner. Besides dis- already sufficiently limited, and the complication well provided with tools and implements of labour suited to their age, sex, and previous occupa- His wife, also, was making herself very useful in contributions to the cause, and subscribers to the accounts, it was desirable to keep simple. The tions; and they were all told before sailing, that aiding her husband, and in instructing the female | Colonization Journal. The subscription to this | Maryland Society, too, had made a coloured man idleness and worthlessness found no exemption from their usual fate in Africa, and that there, as Society have been managed with judgment and printing, and add to the funds of the society. The in America, wealth and prosperity could only be obtained by industry and good conduct.

Among the emigrants by the Oberon, were some valuable servants manumitted by Thomas Oliver, Esq. Mr. Oliver offered freedom to all his ser- in this matter of education, and that the ladies in appointment, and has met during the year, with which the placing of government in the hands of vants, on condition that they would emigrate, and the different counties would form auxiliary socie- the same difficulties growing out of the opposition one of their own colour, and its tendencies to offered to purchase the wives and children of such | ties. It would not cost a great deal to establish | of abolition that were mentioned in the last annual | elevate their appreciation of their own ability and as had married slaves, to prevent families from and maintain a high school at the colony-which, report. The steps of the agent are tracked from capacity, were producing among the colonists of being divided. The greater part of Mr. Oliver's hereafter, might become a collegiate institution: door to door of the coloured people. Wherever Maryland in Liberia. servants preferred remaining in Maryland, however, to wait the report of those who sailed in the seminating a higher degree of learning than can is done to efface it. Deliberate misrepresentation could not join in the proceedings of the conven-Oberon. The Board have great pleasure in notic- be anticipated from the common schools at present and the grossest calumnies are unscrupulously tion, further than to agree to the adoption of a ing, on this occasion, the noble generosity of Mr.

Doct. Robert McDowell and Doct. Samuel F. McDowell's appointment expires, to appoint him | wants of the colony. colonial physician in his place. Doct. McGill took with him an excellent medical library, and men of suitable capacity and commence their intime, to being sent to this country to attend the necessary lectures, as Doct. McGill has himself in this way the immediate and future and permanent supply of efficient medical skill in the colony.

The situation of affairs at the colony at the latest dates was, generally speaking, very satisfac- | ment at Cape Palmas, until it is now the largest | them in the absence of the agent. tory. The last season had been one of unusual scarcity on the coast, and the colonists had been induced thereby to turn their attention to agricul. and lady, Rev. Launcelot Minor, Mr. and Mrs. only way in which the mischiefs now complained parties to the American Colonization Society, ture more steadily than they had yet done. Pre- Parker, Mr. Byron, Miss -, and Mr. -, in of can be wholly and permanently abated, is by under the new organization, which was made at sent inconvenience may in this way result in ulti- all ten white persons. The mission of the A. B. the friends of colonization throughout the state the last annual meeting of that body. A part of mate good. The policy of the Board with respect | C. F. M. consisting of the Rev. J. L. Wilson and | taking the matter in hand, and with their eyes | that organization, creates the Board of Managers to trade had not been changed, and still remained lady, with a coloured printer and assistant teach- open to what is going forward, the very know- of delegates from the state societies, having coloin the hands of the agent; but the colonists, with- ers, is still maintained. Mr. Burns and lady ledge that the abolitionists will have that they are nies on the coast, from state societies contributing out a coin as a medium of exchange, had been ob- (coloured) are the missionaries of the Methodist | watched, will paralyze their efforts. It is now two thousand dollars annually, and makes indiviliged to become traders, in some fashion, in their | Episcopal Church. The attention of the labours of a duals who contribute one thousand dollars to the intercourse with the natives for provisions. The devoted to the colonists: the care of the society—their cause, life members of the Board. To this plan, recent scarcity had thoroughly admonished the mer establishments is limited, almost exclusively, best efforts will be powerless to defeat the united there are objections, certainly, which have weight

it is hoped, be soon forgotten.

selves. While the system of barter was in vogue, nothing need be apprehended by emigrants on the their source in the great fountain of abolitionism. against it. Upon any occasion which they may a native scarcely ever sold an article to a colonist, score of climate. deal with the natives is well nigh broken up.

tion of Denah, and is graded and bridged, and pas- ministers, and the result of their measures was, in loured population of the United States by indivi- what is thus said premature, or the result of too sable for carriages for a distance of upwards of the end, beneficial and salutary. At this time the dual contributions, it is perfectly practicable, wise great anxiety. The daily thickening events of nists are laid out on either side of it. The land | nists, differs in no wise from that which Doct. | coast of Africa, colonies, capable of self-support, | becoming one of deep and fearful importance; and vally river, about twenty miles from Harper, and served in their treatment of the coloured governor, coming those whom the pressure of an increasing this Board, in repudiating all extraneous and unwithin the territory of the society. Its situation | which at all creates a doubt as to the propriety of | white population contending with them for all | solicited interference with the subject of slavery, is opened between Denah and Harper, it will be to civilized men generally, and they are shrewd stances, may compel to emigrate. The emigra- individuals.' by the river is about forty miles.

The relations of the colonists with the natives | three hundred years.

hension from native violence. report, still continue to perform their appropriate I her children.

duties, and the efforts of the latter are generally The colony may be considered now in a situa- from the Maryland Society were invited, and a

delay and difficulty have occurred in producing it | Board have determined to make every exertion to | looking to the establishment of a general head in in quantity, for want of experience as to the pro- procure a vessel of their own, to sail as a regular | the United States-because, on mature reflection, per time to plant it. Some Cuba tobacco seed | packet, between Baltimore and Cape Palmas. | the Maryland Society had seceded from the Amewas sent out two years ago, and tobacco raised | With this object in view, the agent of the society | rican Colonization Society, and had adopted the

in his duties and had a large number of scholars. seminating information, Mr. Roberts procures it would introduce into affairs, which, on all much prudence, and there is every reason to anti- subscription list is gradually and steadily increas- and, however limited might be the power of the cipate usefulness from their labours.

vourable attention of the ladies of Maryland.

about five hundred, exclusive of the natives. go:—and the quota being full, applications from former annual report, expressing the views of the has been instructed to select one or more young There are two uniform volunteer companies: Dorchester county were discouraged and put off Board of Managers on this subject, and which is One of infantry, the other of artillery, which are until the spring. When the agent, however, went now referred to, because the plan of the convenstruction in medicine, with a view, at a proper represented to be well drilled, and to take great round to collect the emigrants and bring them to tion that has now been agreed upon is there stated interest in their duties. Those who are liable Baltimore, but fifty-three were firm in their pur- to be one of the objects at which the Board of to military duty, but do not belong to the volun- pose,—the others had changed their minds under | Managers then aimed. The appendix contains, just done. The Board trust that they have secured | teers, are formed into a company of un-uniformed | the influence of abolition doctrines. The agent | also, the plan of a confederation, which will pro-

lesson they have received in this respect, will not, their respective places of residence, have already | Maryland.

of disputes; but the numerical strength of the and he has been called upon to act in cases which this class of the population. course with the surrounding tribes. The native | very high as a friend to Africa, and as one who | rican Colonization Society, which has, with some | free coloured people with whom they conversed.

effectual, when theft is committed, to detect the tion to receive all the emigrants that may be sent committee was appointed to proceed to Philadeloffender. to it from the state without injury to it, and as phia to attend it. The committee declined, when Cotton is found to succeed at the colony, though | fast as they may in all probability offer: and the | in convention, taking part in any proceedings

tion in respect to colonization. Mr. Roberts com- | tween them-it was wholly premature, and could The Ladies' Society in Baltimore for the pro- menced the canvass of the entire state, proposing afford no possible advantages, so far, certainly, as

The Board wish much, that other parts of the Mr. Kennard, the agent for procuring emigrants, man, and had in any particular a controlling state would emulate the example set by Baltimore has been diligently engaged in the duties of his power, would detract from the moral influence, and which even now might be the means of dis- he has made a favourable impression, every thing With these reasons, the Maryland delegation existing. The subject is commended to the fa- uttered, and often with unfortunate effect. It plan, to be prepared, regulating the intercourse of would have been supposed, that Maryland, one of the colonies themselves; providing for a uniform It has been heretofore stated that a code of laws | the slave-holding states, would have been free | currency,—for the authentication of public re-McGill sailed in the fall expedition. Doct. Mc- for the redress of injuries, had been prepared by from abolition. So it is from any open and public cords,—for a common flag,—for the delivery up of Dowell is a physician who has had much expe- | Hugh D. Evans, Esq. which, together with the | proclamation of the sect; but | fugitives from justice,—and for the rights of citirience already in the diseases of the African coast, constitution and declaration of rights, and the or- covertly and insidiously, so far as colonization is zenship of the residents of one settlement in the and goes to the colony as colonial physician for one year. Doct. Samuel F. McGill is a young land in Liberia, formed a system for the use of the land as well as elsewhere. The agent reports to tional character, and requiring the action of the coloured man who has received an excellent medi- | colonists. Copies of these laws having been | the Board facts, which fully support these asser- | state societies only, independent, wholly, of any cal education at a college to the north, which printed and sent to the colony, were, by the agent, tions, and he states, the longer before the sailing general head in this country or on the coast of gave him a diploma in October last. He is the distributed among the officers of the colony and of an expedition, an individual declares his inten- Africa. To prepare such a plan, a committee was eldest son of the present vice-agent of the colony, the most intelligent citizens, and after sufficient tion to emigrate, the more uncertainty there is appointed, which was to report to the different and has, with the exception of the last three years, time had been allowed for their examination, they about his going, because the abolitionists, marking societies, having colonies on the coast, who were resided from infancy in Africa. He considers | were formally proclaimed by the sheriff, with ap- | the movements of the agent, have a longer time to | then to send delegates to a convention, with Africa, therefore, as his home; and the board be- | propriate ceremonies, and at once took the place | labour to counteract them. The difficulties in the | authority to adopt it as reported, or as the convenlieving that with Doct. McDowell's aid, he will of the heterogeneous compound of law and cus- way of the Board, are thus increased considerably: tion might modify it. The resolutions on this have obtained sufficient practical knowledge in the toms, which had been previously in use. Expe- for instance, in preparing the fall expedition, the subject, proposed by the Maryland delegation, coming year, propose, when the term of Doct. rience has since shown their adaptation to the agent had on his book the names of one hundred will be found in the appendix, together with the emigrants, as many as it was desirable to send proceedings of the convention. There will be The population of the colony is at this time out, every one of whom was considered certain to found, also, in the appendix, an extract from a reports instances, where persons have sold their | bably be recommended to the societies, having Since the last annual report, the Episcopal property and prepared to emigrate, and have yet colonies on the west coast of Africa.

Board of Missions have increased their establish- been prevented by the false statements made to This statement is made in this place, not only

white missionary body in Africa. It consists of The Board are advised and believe, that this duty of the managers to report, but to inform the the Rev. Doct. Savage and lady, Rev. Mr. Payne | state of things is changing for the better. The | Society, why the Board have declined becoming colonists to raise their own provisions, and the to the heathen. Fair Hope and Mount Vaughan, and energetic action of the friends of the cause in with the people of the slave-holding states. It is its

the appearance of handsome and permanent set- The doctrine which the abolitionists spread colonization at all interesting to them. It is this In the last annual report it was stated, that with a view of obviating the necessity of trade and barter among the colonists, and between them the soon to take rank with the other establishments.

In the last annual report it was stated, that with the seat of the ments; while Mount Emory, the seat of the ments; while Mount and the natives, the Board had sent out a paper | The health of the colony has long ceased to be social and political equality; and those who emi- unsolicited interference, with the subject of slavecurrency, so designed and engraved as to be intel- a subject of anxiety to the Board, they being grate are stigmatized as recreants to the cause of ry, in any mode or shape: and the plan above menligible as representatives of value to the illiterate satisfied that all that is wanting to make it as their race. They are told that their right to the tioned, is one, which sets up for sale, the control of natives, as well as the colonists. The accounts | healthy to the coloured people as any other spot | land they cultivate, is better than the owner's, for | this very colonization scheme—and may place it in received from Governor Russwurm, state that the to which they could emigrate, is care, during the they have earned it by their labour on it. These, the hands of those, at any instant, whose fancied plan has fully answered the purpose intended, and | first few months of their residence. The health of | and the like, are opinions current among numbers | connection with it, has always been one of the is popular with none more than the natives them- | the white missionaries is of itself a proof that | of the coloured population, and may be traced to | greatest objections which the south have urged

and received merchandise in exchange, that he The Board are much gratified in being able to direct opposite of that intended by those to whom sufficient sum, the north may under the new conwas not obliged to divide a portion of it among announce that the difficulties which it was appre- it is to be attributed. It will increase more and stitution of the American Colonization Society, such friends as happened to be by when the bar- | hended would grow out of the appointment of a | more, the conviction, that the two races of men | acquire the control of it by creating enough life gain was struck; now, when he is paid a piece | coloured governor, J. B. Russwurm, Esq. have | cannot live in the same country, enjoying as free | members; and should the south multiply members of paper, this partnership of profits cannot take either not been realized, or have been satisfacto- men, equal rights; and the feeling, which has to outvote the northern increase, the result would place, and the paper is turned into goods at the rily overcome. The colonists, are now, generally, already produced in New York and Pennsylvania be an unwieldly body too much torn with dissenpublic store, when the holder can secure the en. | satisfied with the measure, and hold it to be, what | the riots that have been witnessed in the chief | sions on the most exciting of all subjects, to deal tire proceeds to his own use. This is perfectly in truth it is, an admission of their ability to fill cities of those states, will be excited far and wide, properly or prudently with the funds which the understood by the natives, and hence the popu- all the offices of the colony, the highest as well as until the free coloured people of the United States | contest for a majority would place under their larity, with them, of the paper currency. Another | the lowest. Soon after his appointment, it is un- | will come to look to colonization as the greatest | control. It is no answer to the objection thus good effect of it is, that it enables the colonists to derstood that certain of the colonists took it into boon, and their last refuge. That this day will made to northern influence, that the south can buy lay by what they can spare of their earnings, and | their heads that law was inoperative, when not | arrive, those who have considered the subject, in | influence too. The south can by the aid of the there is a plan on foot, in consequence, of a sav. | administered by a white man, and they experi- | full view of all the circumstances and unbiassed | system of independent state action, use the money ings' institution. Above all, the petty traffic | mented upon the efficiency of the laws in the by the fanatic doctrines already referred to, enter- | that would be necessary, far more profitably than which obliged the colonists to keep assortments to | hands of a coloured executive, very much to their | tain no doubt. Against its advent, colonization | in fitting out combatants for the arena that a gecost and dissatisfaction, as it turned out. After a is intended to provide. To this end it is fully neral society would present, when the representa-The Maryland avenue has been gradually ex- few such experiments they satisfied themselves, adequate: and while the scheme is a wild chimera, tives of diametrical opinions on the subject of slatended from Harper to the interior, in the direc- that the law was independent of the removal of the entire co- very would meet together in its halls. Nor is four miles from the Cape. The farms of the colo- respect that is paid to the governor by the colo- and benevolent as a means of establishing on the time, show that the subject of slavery is fast along the road improves in quality as the sea-shore | Hall and Mr. Holmes received from them. As | self-defence, virtuous, pros- | that the safety of the slave-holding states will be is left. Denah is a large native town on the Ca- respects the natives, no difference has been ob- perous and happy; capable of receiving and wel- found, to use the language of a former report of is very eligible, and when a free communication appointing one. They apply the term 'white man' means of livelihood, and the force of other circum- whether by the general government, societies, or race, has been known as a trader for more than all in their power to make their colony as attrac- cution.

future constitution. To this convention, delegates | gers would express their grateful sense of the

because they thought that, in the present scatgovernor-general, the fact, that he was a white

as a part of the events of the year, which it is the connection with the subject of slavery, that makes The effect of this state of things must be the | deem important enough to require the outlay of a

easy to extend it by water to the cataracts at Fave, enough to judge of the power, sense, and skill of tion thus brought about, will be like that which In conclusion of this part of their report, the at the foot of the mountain range, and in an ele- the agent by his acts, without much reference to now takes place from Europe to America. It Board of Managers express again their confidence vated and salubrious region. The Cavally, from the colour of his skin. In the interior a white will, like that, be the result of a desire to better in the plan of independent state action, that they Denah to the cataracts, has an average depth of man is a curiosity—on the coast he is not: for have adopted, and their intention, unless otherwise ten feet of water at all seasons, and the distance | here, the white man, of the Board of Managers are doing | directed by the Society, to persevere in its prose-

tive to the free coloured man of Maryland, as During the last year, two emigrants returned are generally satisfactory. Theft, the common The situation of Mr. Russwurm has, on more America is to the European, and to spread correct from Cape Palmas on a visit to their friends. vice of barbarous tribes, is still a fruitful source | than one occasion, been one of great delicacy: | views and a full knowledge of all the facts among | Both were persons of high respectability in the colony, and the Board had an opportunity of colony, is now such as place it beyond all appre- required prudence, firmness, and dignity. He has During the last year, a form of general govern- making numerous and minute inquiries into its acquitted himself well: and his conduct has met | ment for all the colonies on the coast of Africa, | condition. They returned in the Oberon. It is The efforts of the agent are unremitting, how- with the sanction of the Board. Should be perse- was suggested by a convention of the state socie- believed that their visit aided materially in dissemiever, to preserve a constant and friendly inter- | vere in his present course, his name will rank | ties of New York and Pennsylvania and the Ame- | nating correct information and views among the

magistrates and constables, noticed in a former has illustrated in his own person the capacity of modifications, been adopted by the latter, as its In terminating their report, the Board of Mana-