

A Meeting of the friends of African Colonization was held agreeably to public notice in the Saloon of the Athenaeum on Monday evening 21st February 1831. The Hon Judge Price was called to the chair and Dr E. G. Edrington appointed Secretary. The meeting was addressed by Robert H. Finley Esq. agent of the American Colonization Society, and J. H. B. Latrobe Esq. The expediency and the advantages of forming a State Colonization Society for the special and exclusive purpose of removing from the State of Maryland its own free people of colour with their own consent, to Africa, were forcibly and eloquently pressed on the consideration of the meeting by both of the speakers.

On Motion the following preamble and Resolution were unanimously adopted by the meeting viz:
Whereas this meeting is of opinion that the plan of establishing a colony of free coloured people from the United States on the Coast of Africa has been proved to be perfectly practicable, through the zealous, unwearied and philanthropic exertions of the American Colonization Society; and Whereas greater concentration of efforts, and multiplication of resources, than have, hitherto, been attained, are obviously necessary to insure the ultimate accomplishment of the great object in view - the removal of the free people of colour, with their own consent, to Africa; And Whereas it is deemed expedient to endeavour to apply the means that may be raised in Maryland, under the auspices of the respected Parent Society at Washington, to the removal of the free coloured population of Maryland; And Whereas it is considered that such known application of these means will cause a great increase in their amount and thus materially advance the great aim of the

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