Parent Society, as well as the particular interest of the State of Maryland - Therefore,

Be it Resolved That this meeting will proceed to form itself into a State Colonization Society, auxiliary to the American Colonization Society at Washington, and that its efforts shall be directed, under the auspices of that Society, to the removal of the free people of colour of Maryland, with their own consent, to Africa.

On motion a committee consisting of Mess^rs Latrobe P Hoffman and D^r Baker was appointed to draft a Constitution for the Society -

The Committee reported and the report being amended, the following was adopted as the Constitution of the Society, viz:

Constitution

Article 1^st - This Society shall be called the Maryland State Colonization Society, and shall be auxiliary to the objects of the American Colonization Society.

Article 2^d. The object to which it shall be exclusively directed, shall be to aid the Parent Institution at Washington, in the colonization of the free people of colour of Maryland with their own consent, on the coast of Africa.

Article 3^d. An annual subscription of One Dollar or upwards, shall constitute an individual a member of this Society; and the payment, at any one time, of twenty Dollars, a member for life.

Article 4^th. The officers of this Society shall be, three Presidents, to be called, first, second and third; three vice Presidents, and twelve Managers, a Secretary and a Treasurer, to be elected by the Society at each annual meeting.

Article 5^th. The Presidents, Vice Presidents, Secretary and Treasurer, shall be, ex officio, members of the Board of Managers.

Article 6^th. The Board of Managers shall meet to transact the business of the Society; shall have power to fill all vacancies in their number, and to make bye-laws for their government: and seven shall constitute a quorum. It shall be the duty of the Board of Managers, to form auxiliary Societies throughout the State, where practicable and each auxiliary Society shall be enjoined to send one or more deputies to represent it at the annual meetings of the State Society.

Article 7^th - The Treasurer shall keep the accounts, and take charge, subject to the order and regulations of the board of Managers, of the funds of the Society.

Article 8^th. The secretary shall keep records of the proceedings, the names, residences and amount of subscriptions, of members and conduct the correspondence of the Society.

Article 9^th - The annual meetings of the Society, shall be held on the second Monday of December, in the City of Baltimore.

Article 10^th - This constitution shall not be amended or altered, unless by consent of two thirds of the members present at any meeting called for that purpose.

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