Society, in the several Counties of the State: Also to
nominate to this Board a suitable individual for
this office should such a measure be deemed by them
expedient.

Dr Baker, J H Latrobe & Judge Nesbit were appointed
the Committee.

It was then Unanimously Resolved that the thanks of
this Society be presented to Robert S Finley Esq for
the ardent zeal and efficient ability which he has
displayed in this City in the cause of African Colonization
and that this Society hold him in affectionate remembrance
as one, to whom the friends of African Colonization
are deeply and permanently indebted.

It was also Resolved that the Secretary be directed to
communicate to the Parent Society at Washington, the
formation and objects of this Society, assuring it that
if this Society purposed to apply its resources and
energies to the removal of the free people of colour of
Maryland more exclusively, it still purposes to act
under the auspices of the Parent Board in furtherance
of a common object; and it hopes, by the results which
it shall effect, to be worthy of the philanthropy and
zeal that has always distinguished the American
Colonization Society --: and that the Secretary be
directed to conduct such correspondence as may
arise on the subject of this society with the parent
Board."

The Board then adjourned to meet on Thursday 24th inst
at this place at 4 O'clk P M

James Howard Secy.

Feby 24th 1831

Pursuant to adjournment the Board of Managers met at
the chambers of Judge Brice -

Present Messrs Jos Hoffman 1st President
J Elliott 2d do
N Brice 3d do

Messrs M Sheppard, A Judge, R Ish, P Hoffman, J Gibson, Managers
" Sol Etting, " C Howard, " W McDonald, " J H B Latrobe

& J Howard, Secretary

The Committee appointed for that purpose, at the
last meeting, submitted an address to the Citizens of
Maryland which was adopted & ordered to be published
in the several newspapers of the City -

5000 Copies of the address appended to the Constitution
and a list of officers of the Society, were also ordered to
be published in pamphlet form, under the direction of the
Committee by whom it was prepared.

The Report of the Committee to prepare Bye Laws for
the government of this Board was submitted, read &
after some consideration laid upon the table -

The Committee, appointed to inquire into the expediency
of appointing an agent &c, presented a Report & Resolution
The latter after ~~being~~ having been amended, was adopted
as follows, viz:

Resolved that there shall be appointed an agent of the
Society, to hold his office during the pleasure of this Board,
whose duty it shall be to organise auxiliary societies
throughout the State; Keep a correct list of them and
obtain from the Secretaries of them correct lists of
their members and officers - He shall at the time
of organising such societies, endeavour so to arrange
their days of annual meeting that he shall be able
to attend the annual meeting of every auxiliary
throughout

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