March 26th 1831

At a special meeting of the board of managers held this day, at the usual place were present

Messrs George Hoffman 1st Pres^t
Thomas Elliott 2d do
Nicholas Brice 3d do
N Williams Vice Pres^t
Sol^n King
J Harrod
Moses Sheppard
Peter Hoffman
Managers
P Neff
Jen^h McDonald
J H B Latrobe
Jr Baker
C Howard
J Howard Secretary

The Committee appointed at the last meeting to confer with the Committee of the Board of the American Colonization Society presented the following report

"The Committee appointed to meet a committee from the Board of Managers of the American Colonization Society who visited Baltimore to make arrangements with the Maryland State Colonization Society with regard to the future operations of the last named body, beg leave to report.

That they had a conference on Tuesday last with Dr Henderson the Chairman of the Committee from the Parent Society, when certain propositions hereto annexed as a part of this report were handed to this Committee and discussed very fully at the meeting in question. That in the afternoon of the same day, the Rev^d Mr Laurie another member of the Committee from the Parent Society arrived in town, when another conference was held, and the subject was again very fully discussed.

The views of the Board of the Parent Society are explained in the propositions in question, which are as follows.

"At a meeting of the Managers of the American Colonization Society the following resolutions were adopted

"Resolved, That the Committee on the Maryland State Society be instructed to present to the Maryland Society the thanks of this Board for their communications, & their hopes that the two Societies will make arrangements by which the great interests of African Colonization will be promoted.

"Resolved, That the accompanying basis of an arrangement with the Maryland Society be recommitted to the same Committee with instructions that they or a majority of them proceed to Baltimore, to submit it to the Society there, and to use all means consistent with the obligations of this Board to the Parent Society to produce such co-operation as will promote the interests of all concerned.

"1 That this Board recognise the Maryland Society as an auxiliary Colonization Society, under the Tenth Article of the Constitution of the Parent Society

"2 That it is most desireable that all the auxiliary Societies will act on principles of expanded benevolence; and therefore the auxiliaries should give to the Parent Society the use of their funds, in return for which this Board will give those funds any special direction for the benefit of the auxiliaries that may be consistent with the great design entrusted to this Board by the Parent Society.

"3 That this Board reasonably expect from the auxiliary the deposite of their funds subject to the aforesaid pledge, as a reasonable contribution from them to the fund for the general expenses of the Parent Society in Africa and in this Country. And this especially as this Board is ever willing, when the number of emigrants from a State exceeds the means of the State Society for transportation, to advance what may be wanting to secure the commendable objects of the State Society.

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