considers itself a part of, and auxiliary to, the Parent Society. But the feature of its constitution upon which it depends for success, for the sake of which it has obtained its present friends, and hopes to obtain more, is the exclusive management and appropriation of its own funds for its own peculiar purposes. If this is not permitted by the Parent Society, through any restrictions that it may place on the transportation of Maryland emigrants, as the owner and legislator of the Colonial possessions in Africa — : if the control of the funds or any part thereof is required by the Parent Society — : if, indeed, the unrestricted management of the funds is in any way interfered with — not only does the Constitution of this Society become impossible of accomplishment, and the Society necessarily and of consequence dissolved; — but the principle that united its members will cease to exist, — and the result will inevitably be that Maryland must hopelessly continue to endure her free colored population. The past justifies this anticipation. If the Maryland State Colonization Society is destroyed, the hopes of of Maryland must rest upon the former system of auxiliary Societies; and of the inefficiency of these to forward the desired object Maryland has had ample proof since the formation of the Parent Society. Whether the Parent Society feels itself authorised to suppress, by its restrictions, the spirit that is now alive in a part of Maryland, and which, it is hoped and believed, will extend throughout the whole State, is for that Society to determine. Should it decide to do so, it may, as the success of the State Society is admitted to be uncertain, only destroy that which would even otherwise be an abortion; — but it is believed, however that it will have more injurious effects; that it will vitally injure the great cause in which the parent Society is engaged, and by preventing the success of the scheme in Maryland destroy the most striking and irresistable argument in favour of the practicability of African colonization.

All which with the most unfeigned deference to the Parent Society is respectfully submitted

On behalf of the Board of Managers of the Maryland State Colonization Society. "

The committee to whom the report was prepared were instructed to communicate ~~the same~~ to the Committee from Washington the above proposed terms of arrangement with the American Colonization Society.

The Resignation of Alex Fridge Esq as a member of the Board of Managers was received and accepted: the Executive Committee instructed to report a nomination

The Board then adjourned to the first Monday of April next.

J. H. Sec.

April 4th 1831

At an adjourned meeting of the Board of Managers held this day, present

Messrs Thos Elliott 2d Pres.
N Brice 3d.
D Hoffman
M Sheppard
J. Baker
Managers
Sol. Etting
E Howard

J Howard Sec.

The proceedings of the last meeting were read

The Committee to whom was referred the communication to the Parent Society, in the absence of their chairman asked for further time to report, which was granted

The Executive Committee nominated Luke Tiernan as a member of this Board vice Alex Fridge resigned

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