May 2d 1831

At a special meeting of the Board were present

Thos Elliott — 1st President
N. Brice — 2d do
Dr Thos E Bond — Vice do

L Tiernan / M Sheppard (Managers) — F J Harrod, Dr Baker, J Gibson, J Hoffman Treasurer, F Howard Sec.

The proceedings of the last meeting were read. The Committee appointed at the last meeting to report "what course of proceeding it will be proper for this Society, under existing circumstances, to pursue", submitted a report, which was read & laid on the table.

The Board then adjourned to Wednesday next 4th inst at 4 O'clock

Jas Howard Sec.

May 4th 1831

At an adjourned meeting of the Board held this day. Present,

George Hoffman — 1st President
Thomas Elliott — 2d do

Dr Thos E Bond — Vice President

Moses Sheppard, Dr L Baker, Solm Etting, Luke Tiernan (Managers) — F H B Latrobe, Charles Howard, John Gibson

F Howard Sec.

The Proceedings of the last meeting were read.

The Report submitted at the last meeting of the Board was taken up for consideration and after deliberation was directed to be amended & adopted as follows, viz:

"The Committee to which was referred a letter from the Board of Managers of the American Colonization Society at Washington on the subject of Emigrants from Maryland to Liberia, have had the same under consideration, and submit the following report,

Your Committee, consider the matter submitted to them of vital interest, and deem it necessary in consequence to go into some detail that the Board may fully understand the views which have led them to the conclusions that it is intended to submit.

The American Colonization Society, it is well known, was established by benevolent and philanthropic men for the purpose of removing the free people of colour of the United States with their own consent to Africa. The Executive Board of this Society has always been at Washington where the friends of the plan first organised themselves, and from Washington have all the measures hitherto proceeded relating to the establishment of the Colony in Africa, the transportation of Emigrants and the colonial government. Societies auxiliary to the Parent Society have formed in most of the United States, which continued to exist from year to year, and whose agencies was confined solely to the collection of funds and some other subordinate acts. Such a Society was early formed in Maryland, renewed from time to time, and sustained with more or less spirit by the friends of the cause of Colonization. But altho' the contributions of Maryland were large, yet owing to circumstances the Emigrants sent from the State were by no means

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