consideration the expediency of a separate colony on the coast of Africa: for it never can be for a moment admitted, that the jealousy of the Parent Board with regard to its power and importance, will justify any but a momentary check upon colonization upon the principles advocated by your Committee: And much and deeply as your Committee would regret the necessity which drove the State Societies to establish a separate colony, yet they never could hesitate for a moment, when the alternative was the hopeless continuance of a great & increasing evil

Your Committee therefore propose the adoption of the following Resolutions.

Resolved - That the Maryland State Colonization Society consider the tax of $20 per head, laid by the Parent Board of the American Colonization Society upon Emigrants from Maryland as unauthorized, impolitic & unjust, & that it cannot be acquiesced in.

Resolved That the Maryland State Society consider all funds collected in Maryland or any future occasion for the purpose of aiding the cause of Colonization as properly applicable to the use & purposes of the State Society.

Resolved That a Committee be appointed to hold immediate communication with the State Colonization Societies of Pennsylvania & New York with a view of arranging such a plan of operations as shall secure to the State Societies, the right of sending Emigrants to Liberia according to the true spirit of African Colonization as applicable to the free people of color in America; and in conformity to the policy & institutions of those States respectively in which such Societies may be established.

Resolved That in the mean while, the agent of this Society be instructed to proceed in the formation of auxiliary Societies wherever practicable throughout the State under the firm persuasion that such a change will be made in the policy of the Parent Board at Washington, as will enable this Society to fulfil the object of its establishment in the spirit of its constitution.

The Resolutions were considered separately and adopted and S Hoffman J H B Latrobe & M Sheppard were appointed the Committee under the 3d Resolution

The following Resolutions were then offered & adopted

Resolved That the Secretary of the Board be directed to advise the Board of the Parent Society that this Board have had their Resolutions of April last, in reference to the Maryland Colonization Society under advisement, & have passed the following resolutions; to wit -

Vide 2 first resolutions ~~of the~~ reported on the preceding page

3d Resolved That the Maryland State Society having heretofore offered, are still willing to pay a fair proportion (to be hereafter ascertained by the two Boards) of the contingent expenses of the Colony in addition to the expenses of transportation & support of their own emigrants provided the State Society be permitted to carry into effect the objects contemplated by its constitution &

A Letter from a Committee of the Pennsylvania Colonization Society relative to the building of a vessel on their account, was read, when on motion it was ordered that the following Preamble & Resolution

Resolved That the Executive Committee be directed to contract for & superintend the construction & outfit of a schooner

were adopted -

Whereas the Pennsylvania Society are desirous of having a schooner built in Baltimore for the use of the Colony at Liberia at the expense of that

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