to have them fulfilled - I have proceeded on this principle to form a Society in each County, which is to hold its meetings at the County town, and during the session of the Court, by being present on other business, the people can attend to this, with little sacrifice of time. I have made it obligatory, by the Constitution, on the Board of Managers, to appoint a Committee of as many as they may think proper for each Election district, whose duty it is made, to present a subscription paper to every man in the district, and to solicit his aid; also to present the subject to every free ~~people~~ colored person of the district that they may become acquainted with the subject & prepared to go to the Colony.

Each County Society is to keep the agent of the State Society made acquainted with all its proceedings by a quarterly report. By this arrangement the books of the State Agent, will at all times present a view of the money at the command of the State Society through its County auxiliaries, and the number of Colonists that may have made application for a passage, & by means of the Corresponding Committee in the several election districts, the subject will be presented to every man in the State.

This plan of arrangement has been submitted where I have gone, & has created a confidence that something more effectual will be the result, than any thing heretofore tried.

From Harford, I proceeded to Chestertown. On Saturday March 26th a meeting was called in the Courthouse. Wm Carroll Esq was called to the chair & J B Eccleston Esq appointed Secretary.

I addressed the meeting & explained the objects of the Maryland State Society & the principles on which we proposed to proceed. They have, in this place, had two or three Societies formed: and like most others they have never been heard of afterwards. The principle of appropriating the funds raised, to the removal of their own blacks, & having a Committee for the special purpose of attending to their interests we hope will provide for this Society a better fate than its predecessors. The people affect to believe the free blacks a great burthen to Society: if they really consider them in that light now they have the opportunity of relieving themselves & rendering a great blessing to the blacks. The work is their own & the benefit their own - if they desire a change, they will exert themselves to produce it; if they are satisfied with their present condition they will neglect this duty, but they must cease to complain of the incumbrance of free blacks. The Rev Mr Hawley of Washington, one of the Board of Managers of the Parent Institution, was present and advocated the formation of the Society. The meeting passed a resolution approving of our proceedings & resolved to form a Society auxiliary to the Maryland State Society. They adopted a constitution & chose their officers, a list of which appears in the list of Societies.

May 9th I visited Frederick town. The Court was then in session & attended by an unusual number of people, which formed a favourable opportunity of presenting the subject to the Citizens in general.

A meeting was called at the Courthouse on Friday evening the 13th which was attended by a large concourse of people. The meeting was organised by calling the Hon John Nelson to the Chair, & appointing Dr Wm B Tyler Secretary. I addressed the meeting in explanation of our plan

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