the offer of freedom on such conditions. The want of a regular & stated opportunity of conveying them to the colony has prevented any energetic exertions for that effect, on the part of the whites. Our plan is exactly calculated to supply all the deficiencies, & if the State Society prosecutes its present intentions, with a vigour commensurate with the importance of the undertaking, Frederick County will soon be relieved of its slave population. The last census of this County shews a decrease of 515 slaves and an increase of 939 Free Blacks & an increase of 4.910 whites in the last ten years

	Slaves	Free Blacks	total blacks	whites
1820	6685	1777	8462	32.997
1830	6170	2716	8886	36.907
	515 decrease	939 increase	424 increase	4.910 increase

From Frederick I proceeded to Hagerstown. On Sunday evening a meeting was held in the Church of the Rev. Mr. Kurtz. I was much gratified to witness the change of opinion which has taken place here, within a few years, upon this subject. Soon after the origin of the parent Society, this place was visited by their agents, and abandoned without an effort, as it was found the inhabitants would not then tolerate a discussion of the subject. Several successive attempts at doing something, to further the cause, failed. The town however contained some warm friends to the cause: The lamented Dr. Swan who fell a victim in the colony was from this town. This misfortune damped the zeal of its friends, & the Society which had been formed here, had ceased to be active.

The meeting which was called on Sunday evening 23d was attended by between 1500 to 2000 Ladies & Gentlemen. I addressed this meeting & gave a full account of the Colony, its fitness for a residence of our colored population, & the means about to be put in operation for removing such as wished to go. At the close they were informed that a meeting would be held the next day at 3 o'clk, at the courthouse for forming a Society to be auxiliary to the Maryland State Colonization Society.

The next day, at the hour appointed a numerous assembly convened at the Courthouse, when a Society was formed, a Constitution adopted & officers appointed.

The Statistics of this County give us an instructive lesson of the relative value of Free & Slave labour & with these facts would be duly weighed throughout the State.

All classes of Blacks in this county are diminishing in number & their place is filling up with an industrious white population. The following is the State of the census for 1820 & 1830

	Slaves	Free Blacks	total blacks	Whites
1820	4.571	1638	6.209	11.212
1830	2.909	1080	3.989	21.267
	1.662 decrease	558 decrease	2.220 decrease	[illegible] increase

Here the increase of the white population creates a demand for their land, and altho' from 80 to 100 miles from a market and a land carriage, land of inferior quality will sell readily for thirty dollars per acre.

A collection was here made and forty nine dollars were paid. I also was presented with a bible in two vol.s folio, hot pressed, the gift of Mrs. Susan. Hughes dec.d of Hagerstown, to be presented to some church in Liberia.

June 24th I visited Easton in Talbot county. On Tuesday 28th held a meeting in the Methodist Episcopal meeting house of that place agreeably to appointment when a Society was formed, a Constitution adopted and

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