and provided for at Liberia upon the terms of other Emigrants & agreeably to the Constitution of this Society –

Resolved That a Committee of three be appointed to proceed to Washington and communicate the proceedings which have taken place by the Maryland State Colonization Society – and in the most friendly & conciliatory way request the American Colonization Society to abandon the ground it has assumed of absolute control over the operations of this Society – Committee Judge Nesbit, A Williams & Mr Ridgely

On motion of Mr Etting the Board agreed to sanction & sustain the Executive Committee in their proceedings –

The Board then adjourned

J Howard Secy.

November 14th 1831

The Executive Committee having requested a meeting of the Board, the same was called for this day at 4 O'clk. When were present

A Williams. Vice Pres.
S Etting
J J Harrod
C Howard

A Quorum not being present the Board adjourned to meet on the 16th at 4 O'clock P.M.

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Pursuant to adjournment & to notice the Board met – Present

Judge Brice — 3d Pres.
A Williams — Vice do
S Etting
J J Harrod
I H B Latrobe
Managers
N Sheppard
C Howard

C Howard was appointed Secretary pro tem.

Dr Ayres submitted the following report which was read

To the Board of Managers — Balt Nov 14th 1831
of the M State Col Society

Agreeably to directions received from the Executive Committee of your Board, in Sept last I published proposals in the papers, for receiving offers from the owners of vessels for carrying out sixty passengers to Liberia, to sail from Baltimore on the 12th October last.

As no offers were received before the near approach of the time specified, I proceeded with the advice of the Committee, to charter the fine sch.r Orion, of John B Howell of this City, at the rate of $350 per month.

Upwards of sixty persons offered themselves for the passage & the vessel was fitted up with berths sufficient to accommodate that number but as the time for sailing approached, it was found from various causes that the number of passengers would be considerably reduced.

Some of them could not procure sufficient confidence of their freedom, for our security in sending them, in time for the voyage. Others had small accounts unsettled & could not make the necessary arrangements before sailing; and a few were deterred from going by the misrepresentations of a set of deluded & misguided blacks of this City & the neighbouring Counties, who are members of an association of Colored persons, said to extend from Maine to New Orleans & who are ruled by a refugee from justice formerly of this City, now in Massachusetts, who, by means of a corrupt & libellous press is endeavouring to render himself conspicuous by exciting a revolution among the colored population of the Southern States. His

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