class of persons left no means untried to throw obstacles in the way of our expedition.

From these several causes the original number of applicants were reduced more than one half and only thirty one were ready for the voyage. It is however my duty to report that with the greater part of them, the obstacles which prevents their going, were altogether involuntary on their part; and that they remain desirous of obtaining a passage to Liberia by the first opportunity that may ~~present~~

On the 11th I received a letter dated at Sea 28th Oct. saying the Lch Orion gained the sea on Tuesday the 2d from this city: but in consequence of stress of weather, they had to put back & lay in Hampton Roads until Friday 28th ult when they put to sea, all well satisfied with their prospect of soon arriving at a land of liberty

Respectfully yours Ed Myers

The agent also submitted the accounts of expenses for the expedition by the Orion

On Motion it was resolved That the Secretary be directed to apply to the American Colonization Society for authority to receive from the Treasury of the State the appropriation made by them & that he furnish the necessary evidence

Resolved That a Committee of five be appointed to make the necessary preparations for the annual ~~Meeting~~ & the agent be directed under the direction of the Committee to notify the auxiliary societies throughout the State & publish the same in the newspapers

Mr Latrobe was appointed chairman of the committee - The remaining members were not nominated

Mr Harrod from the Committee appointed to collect funds made the following report which was read & accepted.

Balt Nov 14th 1831

To the officers & managers of the Maryland Colonization Society

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The Collecting Committee beg leave to report to the Board that in pursuance of the discharge of the duties of their appointment they proceeded under the former division of the City into twelve wards; & appointed three gentlemen from each so far as their recollection furnishes announced their appointment in the public papers - sent the chairman of each duplicate subscription papers requesting them to take up collections in their several wards in aid of the funds of the Society & to hand over to the Treasurer the amounts of their respective collections

Your Committee further report that they received a communication from the Treasurer informing them that he had received returns from only four wards - Thereupon your Committee prepared notes to each of the Chairmen of the unreported Committees signed by the first Pres[t] of the Society respectfully calling their immediate attention to the objects of their appointment & urging them to an early completion of the collections & requesting them to hand over the amount collected to the Treasurer.

Having discharged the duties of their appointment Your Committee respectfully ask to be discharged

All which is most respectfully submitted

John Harrod

Ch[m] Coll[g] Committee

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