same may alter and renew at pleasure; and shall have power to purchase have and enjoy to them and their successors in fee, or otherwise, any lands tenements and hereditaments, by gift, grant, bargain and sale, devise, or other act of any person or persons, body politic or corporate whatsoever: to take and receive any sum or sums of money, goods or chattels that shall be given sold and bequeathed to them in any manner whatsoever, and to occupy use and enjoy, or sell transfer or otherwise dispose of all such lands tenements and hereditaments, money, goods or chattels in any such manner as they shall determine to be best adapted and most conducive to the object of Colonizing with their own consent in Africa the free people of color of Maryland, and such slaves as may be manumitted for the purpose, and which is hereby declared to be the sole and exclusive object of the said Society; and as soon after the passage of this act as may be convenient to elect such officers, as they or a majority of them present at a meeting held for the purpose may deem proper, and to make and ordain such bye laws as may be necessary for the organization of the said Society, for prescribing the times of meeting, the qualifications and terms of membership, and all such other matters as may be necessary to secure to the said Society an efficient and continuing existence for the purposes of their incorporation and no other, and for

regulating and managing the concerns of the said body corporate. Provided, however that the constitution and laws of this State and the United States be not violated thereby.

Passed at December Session. 1831.

Meeting to accept the Charter

At a meeting held at Judge Brice's Chambers, at the Court House, in Baltimore, on the evening of Saturday the 24th of March 1832, in pursuance of notice given, were present the following persons, named in the Act of Incorporation of "The Maryland State Colonization Society, passed at Decembers Session 1831. that is to say.

George Hoffman	Moses Sheppard.
Thomas Elliott	Peter Hoffman
Nicholas Brice	Solomon Etting
Luke Tiernan	Charles Howard &
John Gibson	John H.B. Latrobe.

On motion George Hoffman was called to the chair and John H.B. Latrobe appointed Secretary.

On motion Resolved unanimously, That the act of Assembly passed at December Session 1832, Entitled "an act to incorporate the Maryland State Colonization Society, be and the

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