Report of Managers. - pations which attended our first Expedition to Liberia under the auspices of Maryland gives an Earnest of what will occur hereafter, when the confirmed prosperity of these earlier adventurers, will be the signal for thousands to avail themselves of the facilities of a frequent commercial intercourse, and, with the means which a few months of frugality would secure to every Labourer in America to procure an independent passage to the land of their fathers. Then may we confidently anticipate many a bond released by the willing hand of the master.

The financial operations of the last year were materially obstructed by the circumstances adverted to in the earlier part of this report. The Board have the pleasure, however, to state, that their resources have been Equal, not only to a large Expenditure for the comfort of the Emigrants by the Lafayette, but also to the discharge of the outstanding claims against the old association; The prospect however of a very large emigration under the State appropriation during the next twelve months, renders it necessary to call for strong reinforcements to the Treasury of the Society. that nothing may be spared to ensure the comfort of the colonists on the passage and on their arrival in Africa. The Board therefore renew their Exhortations to all well wishers to this undertaking, to redouble their efforts, in stimulating the bounty of the Charitable. It must be remembered that every dollar Expended now acquires a sort of funded character in the secure Establishment and more rapid advancement of the Colony. The time cannot be distant when its condition and resources will, by the blessing of Heaven be as well understood by those whom it most concerns as they are pros-

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Report of Managers. - perous and promising; and when the contributions of the benevolent will be in a great measure superseded by the spontaneous exertions of those whom they are at present Essential to benefit.

All which is respectfully submitted on behalf of the Board of Managers

(Signed) George Hoffman Treasurer.

Jones's Motion. On motion of Mr Jones, the Report just read was unanimously adopted.

Ex Finley's motion On Motion of Mr Finley (E.L.) accompanied by an able and Eloquent address, the following resolution was unanimously adopted.

Resolved that a subscription be opened, of Twenty dollars, a year for five years, to be applied under the direction of the Maryland State Colonization Society, for the removal from the State of Maryland, of such of our own colored population as may be willing to Emigrate to Liberia.

Kennedy's resolutions. The following resolutions were offered by Mr Kennedy and accompanied by appropriate remarks. They were opposed by Mr Hughes of Annapolis, some modifications were made at the suggestion of Mr Randall of Annapolis, and they were then adopted.

Resolved. That the Legislature of Maryland be requested by this Society to propose to the several states of the Union an amendment of the Constitution of the United States, the purport of which shall be to invest the federal government with the power to appropriate the proceeds of the public lands amongst the several states in aid of Education internal improvement and colonization, if, in the opinion of the Legislature such a power does not, already Exist.

Resolved. That the Legislature be also requested to urge upon Congress the

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