The President made a verbal report to the Board of the proceedings of the meeting of the Society at Annapolis, held since the last meeting of the Board.

A letter from Col B.C. Howard, the representative Congress from Baltimore, was read - relating to the number of emigrants allowed pr ton in vessels sailing to Liberia - The managers of the state having already acted on the subject, the letter was laid on the table.

On motion by Mr Latrobe.

Resolved - That the corresponding Secretary be directed to address a letter to Robert S Finley Esquire, the late agent of the Society, assuring him of the satisfaction felt by this Board in the course pursued by him while travelling through the state of Maryland, advocating the cause of colonization on behalf of the Maryland State Colonization Society.

The following resolutions were offered by Mr Ellicott

Resolved That while the Board of managers of the Maryland Colonization Society, would deplore the existence of division and discord in the board of managers of the American Colonization Society as calculated to greatly retard if not utterly destroy the hopes of consummating the great and philanthropic objects which were contemplated by establishing a colony of free people of colour on the coast of Africa, they nevertheless are of the opinion that it is neither politic nor expedient, nor within the limits of their chartered powers as a separate and independent society to interfere in the disputes which may arise out of conflicting principles in that Board, or the American colonization society, its organization or management.

<u>Be it further resolved</u>. That such members of the American Colonization Society as reside within the state of Maryland be requested to attend the general meetings of the said Society, and use their influence to cause a harmonious action on the part of that Society in promoting the objects and views of the Maryland State Society.

After the above resolutions offered by Mr Ellicott were read, Mr Reed offered the following in connection with the same subject, and as a modification so far as necessary of the resolutions of Mr Ellicott.

<u>Resolved</u>. That in the opinion of this Board, the success of colonization depends entirely upon the maintenance of the original position of the Soc'y in regard to the existing circumstances of the American community. That the benevolent tendencies of the enterprize ought to be left to disclose themselves in all their various aspects, and that it is the duty of every well wisher to the cause to cooperate strenuously in promoting our immediate object of planting on the shores of Africa a free and happy colony without introducing new topics of discussion which might tend to distract our counsels and paralyze our exertions.

After considerable and animated discussion the Resolutions of Mr Ellicott and the resolution of Mr Reed, were laid upon the table, and the Board adjourned.

Jno H B Latrobe Sec'y pt.

Note - The resolutions above recorded of Mess'r Ellicott & Reed, were produced in consequence of existing disputes in the American Colonization Society in Washington - and the discussion turned upon the propriety or expediency of the Maryland Society's interfering in them - JHB Latrobe

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