April 30th 1833.

At a meeting of the Board of Managers held this afternoon at the office of the Colonization managers.

Present. Judge Price. V.P
Peter Hoffman
John Hoffman
Dr Edmington
Moses Sheppard
Dr Baker
Dr Bond
Luke Tiernan
William George Read
John H B Latrobe.

The proceedings of the last meeting were read and approved

The following preamble and resolutions offered by Mr Latrobe, were read discussed amended and adopted unanimously.

Whereas it is the desire of the Maryland State Colonization Society to hasten, so far as they can, the arrival of the period when Slavery shall cease to exist in Maryland; and whereas the Society believe that this can best be done by advocating and assisting the cause of colonization, which is considered as the safest the truest and the most efficient auxiliary of Freedom under existing circumstances. And whereas the cause of colonization which has already produced great results

and from which so much is still anticipated must depend in Maryland upon the facilities afforded for the transportation and reception of emigrants on the coast of Africa which can only be secured to the necessary and desired extent by the establishment of settlements in Africa where there will be no restraint upon emigration beyond the control of the State Society. And whereas it is believed for these and other reasons to be expedient for the State Society to format this time a new settlement on the coast of Africa - and whereas it has been represented to the Society that Cape Palmas and its neighbourhood offer commercial and agricultural facilities of the most important character so as to make a settlement there desirable in every point of view - And where as it is believed that a settlement thus formed by a Society whose avowed object is the ultimate Extirpation of Slavery by proper and gradual Efforts addressed to the understanding and Experience of the people of the State, would be viewed with peculiar interest by all those who advocate colonization on account of its tendencies toward Liberty and would view that and from them which would ensure its prosperity and happiness: and whereas the Society believe that it is proper to use every means in their power to raise Maryland to the rank of a Free State of this Union, not only on account of the immediate benefit to humanity, but for the sake of the illustration

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