for the information of those, who may be willing to lend their aid to the cause of Colonization, as advocated by this Society — Therefore be it resolved as follows.

1. That the Maryland State Society look forward to the Extirpation of Slavery in Maryland, by proper and gradual Efforts, addressed to the understanding and Experience of the people of the State, as the primary object of its Labours.
2. That the Society believe, that this can best be accomplished, under Existing circumstances, by advocating and assisting the cause of colonization.
3. That the colonization of the people of color of the United States, on the coast of Africa, will not only promote their own temporal freedom and happiness, but tend to their moral improvement, and be the means of spreading the lights of civilization and the gospel in Africa.
4. Whereas it is desired, that the settlement, about to be made by this Society, should, as far as practicable, become ~~a moral~~ a moral and temperate community, and as this is to be effected, in a great degree, by the character of the emigrants, who leave America for a new home in Africa; and whereas, the sad Experience of this Country has

shown the demoralizing effects of the use of ardent spirit, — be it resolved, that no Emigrant shall be permitted to go from America to a settlement of this Society in Africa, who will not first bind himself or hereby to abstain therefrom.
5. That the principle of abstaining from the use of Ardent spirit, except for medicinal purposes, be incorporated into the local government of the settlements of this Society in Africa; so that no person shall be capable of holding office therein, who shall not first pledge himself to abstain from the use of, or traffic in, ardent spirit, with the above Exception.
6. That this Society believe, that in thus uniting the two great causes of colonization and temperance, the best interests of both will be promoted. Colonization will advance with a healthier step to ultimate success; and Temperance will find, in a nation, founded upon its principles, an illustration that must be forever conclusive as to its political benefits, and an Example all powerful in its influences.
7. That this Society, while it will encourage, at all times, commercial communication with the settlements, so as to increase the facilities of Emigration

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