not existing for the collection of funds only, but in-
trusted in the application of those funds for the im-
mediate benefit of the contributors. It was also
believed that the entire success of Colonization in
Maryland, would do more to enlist the whole Country
in the cause, than the removal of twice the number
of Emigrants in the same period to Africa, taken
indiscriminately, whenever offered thro' the Union.
That Maryland might be made a free State, was
admitted; and the Board of Managers in determin-
ing to establish a new settlement, felt satisfied that
they were adopting the best, if not the only means,
by which, under existing circumstances it could
be accomplished.

— The next question that presented itself was
the selection of a Site for the new Colony: and
after the most full and careful deliberations, the
Board of Managers selected Cape Palmas or its im-
mediate vicinity. The Coast of Africa after pursuing
a south east direction from the Rio Grande, passing
by Sierra Leone, Cape Mount, Monrovia, Grand Bassa
and Cestos river, here turns towards the east, north
east, towards Cape Three points, the mouth of the Niger
and Fernando Po. in the Bight of Biafra. The return
voyage from Cape Palmas to the United States or Europe
is at all times easy, the trade winds being constant

and regular from the Northwest: but from the Seaward
or eastward, towards the mouth of the Niger out of
the reach of the trades, the prevalence of calms and
currants renders a return to the windward, round
Cape Palmas extremely long and tedious. The position
of Cape Palmas alone is therefore sufficient to make
it one day a most important Commercial depot.
all the Vessels destined for the Niger must pass
by it on their way from Europe or America; and
the delay and uncertainty of a voyage to the east
of it, will no doubt in many cases make it, the
place of deposit or exchange for European or Ame-
rican manufactures, the further transportation of
which will either be by land towards the interior or
by the Coasting trade of the Colony to the great Rivers
of Central Africa.

The temperature at Cape Palmas is about the
same as at Monrovia — In point of health it is
believed to possess superior advantages. Dr Hall
the Physician who went out in the "Orion", and who
resided for upwards of two years at Monrovia,
explored the coast from that place to Cape Palmas
considerably to the east of Cape Palmas, and stated
the fact from his own experience and observation
that a Vessel rarely entered Monrovia roads from
the windward above Rio Grande, Nunez or Pongas
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