Colonization Society" requesting me to make a written Report of my interview with the Board of Managers of the American Colonization Society, held with them on the 7th of October last past: I hereunto annex a Statement, involving in substance the leading particulars connected with and growing out of said interview—

The Board met on the morning of the 7th of October; The questions issing out of the communication of C.C. Harper Esq. explanatory of the views and purposes of the Board of Maryland Colonization Managers, were postponed to an extra Session, called for that purpose— That Session was held on the evening of the same day, viz the 7th of October Mr Harper's letter was read to the members present by P. R. Fenall Esq. Assistant Secretary— After the reading thereof, I was by one of the members, closely questioned in regard to the plans and designs of your Board, and that too, in such a way as compelled me to explain with great plainness of speach some of the proximate causes, which rendered the plan of a seperate and independant Colony, absolutely necessary to the success of the scheme in Maryland— After this explanation, to which no objection was made, one of the members of the Board asked me the following question, if not

in words— yet in substance— "Does your plan of forming a new Colony embrace the idea of building it up in part by Emigrants to be taken by you from Liberia?" To this question a plain and decisive answer was given in the affirmative,— with the following brief reasons for that course— viz: Our Emigrants by the La fayettee had complained to our Board, to their friends, that they were deceived. Having been personally instrumental in getting them to go to Liberia I stated that I felt it to be my duty to them & to the cause to lend my personal aid in securing to them the advantages which had been promised to them before they left Maryland— I also stated that the Commissioners of the State fund, as well as the Managers of Maryland Colonization felt themselves sacredly bound to spare no pains nor expense to place them in a comfortable condition &c.

Pending these remarks between the members of the Board adverted to & myself, another member— One of the oldest and most indefatigable advocates of Colonization, rose up in his place and offered the Resolutions already reported, and which are now on file in this office— They were passed unanimously and nothing more was said either pro. or con in relation to taking Emigrants from Liberia to Cape Gabo. My own impression was that the Board was perfectly

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