in a crusade against an institution which whatever may be its character abstractedly considered is recognised by the laws of the land - guaranteed by them (and in which the fortunes of so many are deeply interested. On the contrary, Colonization as understood (and it is believed practised by the State Society distinguishes itself from abolition by its refraining from any other interference with Slavery than is the tendency of those principles of philanthropy of which it deserves to be the advocates. It is true that the Board of Managers believe that these principles will ultimately bring about a result which they most ardently desire; but in the ~~proportion~~ execution of them they intend to use only efforts addressed to the understanding and experience of the people; and by advocating and supporting Colonization as the best truest and most efficient auxiliary of Freedom under existing circumstances - and were of themselves sufficient to induce the course which has been pursued, among the most prominent of which was the importance of removing all obstacles to the accomplishment of the designs of Maryland evinced by the act of the Legislature, entitled "an act relating to the free people of colour of this State." passed at the December session of 1831, (and which could only be done by providing a place for the reception of Emigrants from the State, where their

numbers would be subjected to no limits save its capacity to receive, and over which the State Society should have exclusive control - These however are all fully detailed in the address of the Board of Managers - as well as the reasons why, after having determined to found a new Colony, a selection was made of Cape Palmas.

Since the publication of the address the expedition to establish the Maryland Colony has sailed and is probably by this time at the designated point on the Coast of Africa

Dr Hall the agent selected by the Board of Managers to conduct the expedition to Cape Palmas is believed to be eminently qualified for his responsible situation. Acquainted with the diseases of the climate from personal experience acquired in two years residence at Monrovia - as well as with the disposition and customs of the native Africans - of cool determined temper, and good judgment, the Board believe that his place could not be better filled than it is by him. He is accompanied by Mr. Jno. Hersey as his assistant - a man well known in the Christian Community as one of its most exemplary members, and who, uniting very considerable mechanical and agricultural skill, with a knowledge of the modes of savage life, acquired as the head of an agency for the government among (the)

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