the Indians of this country - will it is expected prove a most efficient auxiliary to Dr Hall. The Revd Messrs Wilson & Wynkoop, two missionaries of the American Board of Missions having applied for a passage in the Society's vessel with a view of entering upon Missionaries duties among the natives about Cape Palmas were permitted to go out in the Ann, and will no doubt in advancing their own now immediate objects, be of much service to the Agents of the State Society in many particulars - The facilities afforded to these gentlemen would have been accorded with equal readiness to any other denomination of christians - the Board composed as it is of members from various sects feeling no disposition to make distinctions among any, either in the laws of the Colony or otherwise

Dr Halls experience was highly useful to the Board of Managers in enabling them to supply the best possible equipment to the Vessel - and it is believed that when she sailed, the Ann was supplied with every article that was necessary to enable the agents of the Society to treat with the natives for the acquisition of territory upon the best and most economical terms

The number of Emigrants was purposely limited, it being the wish of the Board to make up

a full compliment, out of Emigrants already in Liberia who being acclimated, that is to say, having undergone the sickness to which all are subject within six months after their arrival in Africa - would be more efficient in the formation of a new settlement than persons who would most probably be prostrated by the attacks of disease at the very time when their services would be most wanted.

One of the complaints heretofore made by Emigrants to Liberia has been the want of some code or declaration of rights clearly defining their privileges as citizens and serving as a protection against oppression - Altho' it has never been pretended that any cause of complaint of a serious kind has existed against the agents who have heretofore visited africa on this ground; yet as the Emigrants have hitherto expressed wishes upon the subject, it was deemed advisedly by the Board to send out with the first expedition a Charter or constitution for the settlement proposed to be made in which were embodied those principles of civil and religious liberty that have grown to be axioms in the scheme of good government Such an instrument was accordingly prepared (and given to Dr. Hall - and a copy is herewith presented

The Board of Managers thinking also that it was desirable to furnish the emigrants with

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