January 17th 1834

In pursuance of adjournment, the State Society met in the room of the House of Delegates, in the City of Annapolis on Friday evening the 17th of January. The meeting was organized by the Hon. Nicholas Brice the Senior Vice President, taking the chair in the absence of the President, and John H. B. Latrobe, Corresponding Secretary of the Society, acting as Secretary and James R. Gaskins, Assistant Secretary.

The proceedings of the evening were commenced with an address to the Throne of Grace by the Revd Mr Geer.

The Secretary then read the report of the Board of Managers to the Society, stating the reasons which had led them to the adoption of that system of action now known as the Maryland System, — of each slave holding State appropriating its means applicable to Colonization at its own discretion, and under its own controul — and explaining the steps which had been taken, to found a new settlement under the auspices of the State Society, and subject to its government, at or in the vicinity of Cape Palmas. Many documents illustrative of the Report were presented along with it, among others the address recently published by the Board of managers, the Charter of the New settlement, the ordinance for its

temporary government, the letter of instructions to Dr Hall, the agent to establish it, the Invoice book, Treasurers account &c &c.

The Report having been read, the following resolution offered by Dr Sparks of Annapolis, seconded by Mr Jones of Baltimore City, and supported by Mr Latrobe in a speech explanatory in detail of the purposes and plans of the Society, — was unanimously adopted

Resolved, That the Report of the Board of managers, together with the documents and papers just read, be accepted, and that the thanks of this meeting be presented to the Board for their judicious arrangements, and indefatigable exertions to carry into effect the purposes of the Society

On motion by Dr Claude, of the City of Annapolis, seconded by the Revd Mr McKenney, who addressed the meeting in an appropriate speech: — " —

Resolved, That the thanks of this meeting be presented to the Clergy of the State for their past Co-operation with the Society, and that they be respectfully solicited to present the objects and views of the Society to their respective congregations, and to take up public collections in aid thereof, on the sabbath immediately preceding or succeeding the Fourth of July ensuing.

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