In their last annual report, the Board announced with regret the death of Charles, one of the African Princes, who had been committed to the Society to be educated, and they stated, that they had sent back his companion, under the belief that it was the wisest course they could adopt to prevent mis-statements as to the cause of his death, from being made to the prejudice of the Colony. The result, however, was yet in doubt, at the date of the last report. Since then, the Board have received intelligence which enables them to state, that the parents of the little boy have been satisfied of the good faith with which their child was treated, and that nothing has grown out of his loss to disturb the harmonious relations existing between the Colonists and the natives.

The Board annex to this report an address from the settlers at Cape Palmas to the coloured people of Maryland. The Board have had an interview with an individual, whose name is on the instrument, in the negative; and from his statements, they have every reason to believe, that the address is the voluntary and heartfelt productions of the Colonists themselves, uninfluenced by aught, but their own honest convictions.

The Board have ascertained, that Cotton thrives well in Maryland in Liberia, producing two pickings

from the same Stock, in the same season. The first in July, and the second in December. They have directed their Agents to introduce the culture of it generally; and they have little doubt, that it will become a profitable staple production to the Colony before long. Palm oil is also produced already; and a good specimen of Tobacco from Maryland seed, has been sent home to the Board. Coffee and Sugar Cane can both be cultivated, but as the first takes time, and the other requires expensive machinery, nothing has yet been done towards raising them. It is the purpose of the Agent to commence their cultivation on the public farm, when the inducements to make the cultivation of them general can be ascertained and appreciated. With a view to Agricultural employment, the Board furnished the Emigrants, who are not already provided, with suitable implements, and to each family where there are females, a Spinning wheel is given. The cost of this outlit is trifling, when compared with the importance of establishing among the Colonists in the beginning, a dependence, under Providence, upon their own labour, and promoting habits of industry.

The Board would here state, that they believe Colonization is to be ultimately carried on mainly by voluntary Emigration, at the cost of the Emigrant himself. They do not believe that the scheme can be otherwise successful

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