The committee will not detain the Board by formally discussing the propriety of the measure, knowing their competency to judge. Two or three points may, however, be adduced, to present the ground upon which their own minds have determined on the expediency of the purchase, if the facilities can be obtained.

First, The prejudices of the colored people of this State, which have hitherto proved one of the most serious obstacles to emigration, will, it is confidently believed, receive a decided check, from the regular departure and return of the Liberia Packet.

Secondly. By diminishing the expense of freight, and increasing the facilities of trade, encouragement will be afforded to worthy and intelligent colonists to embark in trade; intercourse will become more frequent between the Colonists and their friends in this Country; adventures by small capitalists become more common, and in this manner, confidence, will gradually take the place of suspicion & distrust; and the idea of being sold as slaves into a Southern market,

soon yield to the impression, that Colonization is a scheme of boundless benevolence, seeking only to promote the happiness of the African race.

Thirdly. In a commercial point of view it would prove an inestimable blessing. Having a knowledge of the Captain and the crew, and possessing confidence in their integrity, the colonists would soon entrust them with articles of export, to be exchanged for American trade goods, upon which enterprising merchants would annually realize a handsome profit. The day cannot be distant when the funds of the Society may, in the same way be augmented by regular return Cargoes of Ivory, palm Oil and Camwood sent by their agents in payment for annual supplies of trade goods shipped to the Colony.

Fourthly. As far as practicable, the Committee have obtained assurance from other Colonization Societies, that they would always have a preference in the transportation of goods and emigrants to

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