to the United States found himself in charge of the Colony. His administration of its affairs, appears to have been firm and successful and it gives the Board pleasure to express their satisfaction with his zeal and energy. Led by devotion to the cause of Colonization to visit Africa, he has entitled himself to be ranked among those who have perilled life to do service to that country: a long and honorable list of enthusiastic laborers in a cause that has already claimed many martyrs.

The temporary character of Dr. A. Holmes' appointment made it necessary for the Board of Managers to provide for a permanent successor, and after mature deliberation they selected John B. Russwurm of Monrovia, and forwarded to him the commission of agent of the State Society and governor of Maryland in Liberia. Mr Russwurm is a man of color, who after receiving a complete classical education in one of the Northern Colleges settled in New York where he distinguished himself as the editor of a paper devoted to the abolition cause.

Colonization was then unknown to him; but becoming afterwards acquainted with its principles and objects, he boldly renounced the abolition doctrines, that he had once advocated, denounced them in his paper, and illustrated the sincerity of his convictions, by emigrating ten years ago to Liberia, where he has since remained the senior member of the first Commercial house at Monrovia, universally respected for his talents, industry and integrity. He is a man of rare education for one of his color, of exemplary deportment, and in every respect qualified to discharge the duties consequent upon his appointment. Information has been received of his acceptance of the office, and the Board entertain no doubt that his conduct will fully justify the propriety of bestowing it upon him.

The Board are aware that they have no precedent of the appointment of a colored agent in Africa to act for a colonization society in the United States

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