however, this difficulty will be avoided in future. The agent of the State Society the Rev Isaac Easter, who is also the agent of the Managers of the State fund, has had assigned to him, all the duties connected with the operations of the Society, such as the shipment of emigrants, the care of the local correspondence, the superintendence and keeping the Society's books — that requires the presence of an agent in the office in Baltimore; while the agent of the Young Men's Society, the Revd John H. Kennard has assigned to him the duty of travelling from one part of the state to another, spreading information procuring emigrants, and attending to the preparation for their departure, and the formation of Auxiliary Societies where practicable. This combination of effort by the two agents here mentioned will secure a constant and vigorous prosecution of the plans of the State Society. The prospects for a large expedition in the Spring are very flattering, and there is every indication that the prejudices of the colored people

and especially those who are free, are gradually yielding to the conviction, that here they are at the best, but wanderers and outcasts, without the prospect of moral or political aggrandizement, and that Africa is their true and appropriate home.

The Board of Managers confidently anticipate the time, and that not far removed, when the voluntary emigration of the colored population of the United States to Africa, will equal that which takes place from Europe to this country. All that is necessary to bring this about is to make Africa as attractive to the colored people, as America is to the European, which is to be done by the establishment there of happy, healthy, well grounded and prosperous communities, capable of self support and self defence. This is now in rapid progress. Three years since Cape Palmas was a wilderness, with untutored savages for its inhabitants. It is now the boast of the western coast. It has a population of three hundred emigrants, & four Christian Churches have established there, their missionary settlements.

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