without which Colonization would still be an untried scheme. The American Colonization Society has proved the practicability of establishing Colonies on the Coast of Africa capable of self support, and self defence, and self increase, and has thereby won the praise and the enduring thanks of all the friends of Africa, of her sons and daughters, and of humanity and philanthropy. But having done this, the appropriate functions of that Society are at an end. The descendant news entertained among the friends of Colonization themselves, throughout an wide country, for but the idea of such an unity of sentiment and action in any general Society as is necessary to the success of it; while the very discord which is the nature of things, it would seem impossible to arrest indicates most apparently a system of independent State action, as the only one by which colonization can be successfully prosecuted.

Since the last annual Report large acquisitions of territory have been made

around the settlement at Cape Palmas, and the State Society now owns both sides of the Cavally, a broad and noble river from its mouth, to the town of Denah, about sixty miles from the Ocean. The Agent Dr Hall ascended the river to the cataracts of Faye, and reached the mountain range which here runs parallel to the Coast. He describes the country as of inexhaustible fertility, beautiful in the extreme in appearance, and thickly peopled by a population, that manifested great kindness to him on all occasions, and an anxious desire to enter into treaties with him for the purpose of having Schools established at their respective towns, and participating in the benefits of a trade with the Colony. The Revd Mr Wilson the Missionary of the Cape subsequently visited the same region of country, and his account fully corroborates that given by Dr Hall.

The relations with the natives in the immediate neighbourhood of the colony are of a friendly kind. On several occasions they have attempted to impose on

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