the agent; and temporary estrangement has been the consequence. Firmness and consistency have great effect upon them, and the Board have every reason to believe that the good will which now exists on both sides will not be again interrupted.

The policy of the Board is to improve their condition and to raise them to a level with the Colonists; so that apt as they are for civilization the Colonization Scheme may be to them also a blessing, and not as in the Colonizing of this Country, a plan for the extirpation of the aborigines.

The Board have it in view to procure during the current year, a vessel of their own. This has been recommended to them by their experience since the founding of the Colony; and they are satisfied, beside the facilities it will afford for carrying on their operations, it will, on the score of economy be highly important. The freight from Baltimore to Africa is already such as to insure at all times full freight from other quarters should the Society not be able

to furnish it.

In conducting the affairs of the Society from its commencement the Board of Managers have had to rely upon the support of the Managers of the State fund when they failed to collect from the public funds adequate to their wants. The policy of the State in establishing a separate Colony for the reception of her emigrants has in this manner however been fully corroborated, and the Colony at Cape Palmas is now adequate to meet all the wants of Colonization in Maryland, and to receive in comfort, offering them a very prospect of happiness and prosperity, as many persons as it is probable will be found ready in any one year to emigrate. Still the wants of the Society that cannot be supplied from the State fund, are many and pressing, and make it necessary that the friends of the cause should be called upon for assistance from time to time.

During the coming year it is the intention of the Board to direct their agents to call upon all who feel an interest in the cause for such aid as it is in their power to give,

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