tent themselves with referring to the present condition of Maryland in Liberia, ~~as exhibited~~ by the recent testimony of an impartial witness, J. J. Nicholson, Esqr. Commander of the United States Frigate Potomac, as the best evidence of the gratifying results of the course pursued, in this particular, by the State Society.

The committee are glad that they are not obliged to rest on the facts derived from the history of the Maryland State Colonization Society, alone in support of their opinions in favour of independant State action on the subject of colonization. The experience of the State Societies of New York & ~~Philadelphia~~ vs. Pennsylvania, which, although nominally but auxiliaries, are for all practical purposes independant, most happily illustrates the superiority of the system over any general one that has yet been devised; and the thriving condition of Bassa Cove, governed, it is understood, exclusively in point of fact, by these societies, corroborates the opinions entertained by the Maryland State Society and upon which it has heretofore acted.

Where the system of independent state action yet an untried one, there would be due to the suggestions contained in the twentieth annual report, the most serious consideration; and the high source from which they come, would make the committee pause and hesitate before they reccommended any measures that clashed with them. But this is not the case; for the experience of six years has shown, that, however the system of action may, as appears to be anticipated, affect the collections of the American Colonization Society, yet the great ends of colonization are advanced by it.

The committee have thus stated the circumstances, that led to the adoption of the principle of independant state action by the Maryland society; and they purpose further, briefly and most respectfully, to remark upon the reasonings adverse to it, contained in the extract so often already alluded to: and they also seize the present opportunity to express the views entertained by them in regard to the operation of the Colonization scheme, in reference to the results to be produced by it.

In the extract in question, there are two assumptions, neither of which are the

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