committee prepared to admit. The first is, that, without a union of the contributions now made to the colonization cause, nothing can be effected: and the second, — that, without unity of opinion on a subject, to which all other differences of opinion are most fatal, 'success cannot be hoped for: and the inference from the two assertions is, 'that a society, national in the character, conducting its operations through one central organization, has advantages over any other, and that its subversion might endanger, if not destroy the whole scheme of African colonization.' With regard to the first of these assumptions, with the greatest respect for the source from which the report containing it emanates, the committee cannot see, how, consistently with the fact, exhibited in the last few years, it can for a moment, be coincided. The last system of state action was adopted in Maryland, and in Pennsylvania and New York, in 1831, up to which time there had been but one society, which possessed a single seaport on the Coast of Africa, with two or three dependent villages, and which, owing to the accummulated debt, from which it is scarcely extricated even yet, found itself obliged to curtail emigration, for the want of funds



to meet the attendent expenses. Up to this time, all the funds, that could be raised for colonization, were paid into the one treasury and disbursed by one Board of Managers. In 1831, the State Societyes took the matter in hand, and how stands colonization now?

The societies of New York and Pennsylvania founded the settlement of Bafa Cove; and when it was almost exterminated by the natives, and the remnant of its people scattered, they founded it again, and it is now a thriving, and happy, and growing community. Two hundred and thirty miles from Monrovia, the Maryland State Society have planted their colony of Maryland in Liberia, whose unexampled prosperity is a cause of daily gratitude to Him, who bleped the labours of the weak hands that raised it. The State Society of Mississippi have purchased territory between Bafa Cove and Cape Palmas, at the mouth of Sinow river, and, uniting with the State Society of Louisiana, are now preparing to lay the foundation of 'Mississippi in Africa', and the State Society of Virginia have, at their decent annual Meeting determined, that 'New Virginia' shall be added to the Americo-African Colonies, and are now making inquiries with a view to the selection of suitable territory for the purpose.

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