of changing a slaveholding to a nonslaveholding state, consistently with existing rights, with the consent of all interested in slaves as property, and having in view also the happiness and true freedom of free coloured persons, or emancipated slaves, who emigrate. In the slaveholding states, whose staples bear high prices, and where slave labour is most productive, colonization is advocated as a means of removing the free coloured people from contact with the slaves, making the latter discontented with their condition, idle, and therefore less liable to their masters; and also of affording an outlet for the slaves of those, who, unwilling to hold them longer, or to die leaving them in servitude, and unwilling also to turn them loose on the community here, desire to make them free, and do so on condition of emigrating to Africa.

While the American Colonization Society was the only society prosecuting colonization, persons entertaining these discordant views, although agreeing in the main, - the colonizing of the free people of colour, &c, &c. - were collected together annually in Washington; and for awhile they met there quietly enough: but in

time, the friends of colonization from the south began to fear that the Colonization Society was disposed to go too far, in reference to the subject of slavery; and those from the north to allege that it did not go far enough; and the consequence was the withdrawal of numbers of friends in both these sections of the United States; and in the excited and protracted discussions that took place at the annual meeting of the American Colonization Society, held in 1832, but too strong reasons were afforded for the belief that it was impossible to unite in harmonious Co-operation, elements so discordant, as those then constituting the American Colonization Society.

The committee, therefore, are of opinion, that so far from there being any value in a national Society for the purpose of securing unity of opinion ~~that so far from there being any value~~ experience has shown that any attempt to do this would be attended with consequences most sincerely to be deprecated, and which would convert the annual meetings of the American Colonization Society into the arena for fierce, unyielding and dangerous discussions.

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