two countries, as Africa and its millions are supplied with the manufactures of ~~Africa~~ America, will be the channel, by which the entire free coloured population of the United States will gradually, but certainly, of their own free will, and at their own cost, pass from amongst us.

The committee must not be understood, as intending to speak, in the slightest degree, disrespectfully of the American Colonization Society. Its merit rests upon too broad a basis to be affected by any breadth of theirs, even did they not accord to it all the praise which purity of purpose and untiring zeal can win for any human institution. The debt of gratitude which Africa and America both owe to the American Colonization Society can never be repaid. It goes far even to cancel that heavy obligation, contracted to the former, when the first slave set his foot upon our shores: and, in proving the practicably of establishing colonies of free coloured people from the United States on the coast of Africa, the American Colonization Society erected its lasting monument, and accomplished, most

satisfactorily, the hopes and wishes of its founders.

The committee have thus far examined the report of the Board of Managers of the American Colonization Society, so far as it has reference to the auxiliary and other societies. It yet remains to examine the report of the Committee on auxiliary relations, and which refers, principally, to the relations of the different colonies in Africa.

The constitution for 'the government of Liberia', reported by the committee on auxiliary relations provides, that the present colonies shall be united in one government, under the above title, the legislative power of which shall be vested in a congress, consisting of the chief executive magistrate of, and delegates from, each colony, in the proportion of three delegates from the colony of the American Colonization Society; one for the colony of Pennsylvania and New York, and one for the colony of Maryland; the governer of Monrovia to preside in the congress, whose powers correspond in most respects with the congress of the United States: copies of journal of congress to be transmitted to the Board of Managers of the American Colonization Society; by the consent of which, in times of war or insurrection, or of imminent

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