other its treasurer, all now dead, were surpassed by none in the zeal and great liberality which they manifested on all occasions in the cause of Colonization. Mr Harper, inheriting from his father his attachment to the scheme, devoted to it the talents of the highest order, and as its advocate before the people, and as its supporter in the legislature of the State, rendered to it the most important services.

During the year just ended, the Board of Managers ~~have just ended~~, have despatched their eighth and ninth expeditions to Maryland in Liberia. The Brig Baltimore sailed on the 17th May, with fifty five emigrants, and on the 28th November, the Niobe, which had carried out the fall expedition of 1836, sailed on her second voyage with eighty five emigrants more, making one hundred and forty persons added to the population of the colony, since the date of the last Annual Report

A part of the expense of the spring expedition by the Ball, was borne out of the funds ~~of~~ received from Mrs Emily H. Tubman, the widow of Richard Tubman, Esqr, formerly of Maryland, but at the time of his decease a resident of Georgia. Mr Tubman had, by his last will ~~will~~ left his slaves free, on condition they would emigrate to Africa, and bequeathed the sum of ten thousand dollars for their removal to and settlement in Africa. Mrs Tubman, desirous of carrying into effect the provisions of her husband's will, made application to the Board of Managers to receive her people into the

Colony of Maryland in Liberia, offering to pay their passage, and to give them such outfits as the Board of Managers might suggest as necessary and proper. It being found upon inquiry, that the proposed emigrants were of an exemplary character, honest, sober, and industrious, all of them accustomed to agriculture, and most of the males acquainted with some trade, and the Board being especially moved by the consideration, that experienced cotton planters would be of the greatest service in enabling the Board to carry out their designs of making that article a chief staple of the colony - the wishes of Mrs Tubman were acceded to, and her people were sent by her to Baltimore, in time to join the Maryland emigrants of the spring expedition. On their arrival here, their appearance fully corroborated all that had been reported of them; and the Board hazard little in saying, that when the Baltimore sailed, it carried out morally and physically one of the best and strongest, as well as the most thoroughly furnished expeditions, that had yet left the United States for Africa. After ample provision had been made for the wants of Mrs Tubman's servants, as well as their passage to Africa paid, there still remained a large sum unexpended of their late master's bounty, which is now in the hands of his executors to be appropriated in such manner, as future intelligence from Africa may shew to be best calculated to fulfil the intentions of the noble individual from whom it was derived.

The Board would do injustice to their feelings did they not here express the high satisfaction which they have derived

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