and respectful attention, but not being convinced of the propriety of the measure - seeing nothing in the reasons urged to shake their conviction of the superior merits of the plan was wholly premature if not entirely inapplicable so far as Africa was concerned, the proposition was declined, and the reasons of the Board respectfully and at length reported to the society at Washington. Extracts from this report will be found in the appendix.

In the last annual report the Board indicated the subject of education in Africa, as one which they were very desirous should be taken up by the female friends of colonization. The Board are happy to announce the formation since then of a society in Baltimore, called "The Ladies' Society for the promotion of education in Africa"; through whose agency sufficient funds have been raised to employ a teacher, and his wife. Mr. Alleyne, the teacher, and his wife, who are in many respects most admirably adapted to their situation, sailed in the fall expedition, with an excellent outfit, also furnished by the Ladies' Society. The judicious instructions that have been given to them, if carried into effect, as it is expected that they will be, must make them most valuable acquisitions to the colony. The Board trust that the society which has thus been formed, will not be suffered to languish for want of ~~that~~ share of the public patronage that it richly deserves.

In the last report, the Board announced that they had appointed a citizen of Maryland in Liberia, J. B. Ruffenuin, Esqr. Governor of the colony, and they gave at length the reasons that influenced them in so doing. They are happy to be able to state, that the experience of the year has corroborated their policy in this respect, and that the inconveniencies which were anticipated have not yet been felt. Mr Ruffenuin promises to make for himself a high reputation, and the Board have every reason to be satisfied with their selection. In the appendix will be found the report of Dr. Hall, who visited the colony some time after Mr. Ruffenuin had taken possession of his office.

The relations of the Colonists with the natives, have been in the main friendly, the occasional difficulties that occurred being but of short duration. New purchases of territory have been made, and that of Rocktown, the next town to windward, and a very considerable rice market, is deemed most important. The advantages of settlements of civilized men to the natives, and the establishment of schools, in addition to the trifling dash or present, which is given when the treaty is made, are the only considerations for these cessions.

Among the inconveniences experienced in the conduct of affairs in the Colony, one of the most troublesome has arisen from the want of a suitable circulating medium. The system of barter, which was necessarily resorted to, threatened to defeat the wishes ~~which was~~ of the Board in regard to native trade, by forcing each colonist to keep on hand an assortment of goods

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