connected with the disbursements of the state fund, the services of the Board being gratuitous. The State Society employ another agent who is paid by them out of collections made from individual benevolence, and is therefore no charge upon the fund.

The account current of this report, exhibits the expenditures of the Board, and their objects.

When the colonization laws, as they are generally termed, were first adopted, the want of a place to which the free people of colour and emancipated slaves, might emigrate, furnished reasons why they should not be carried into effect. This reason no longer exists, and it will be for the legislature to determine upon such additional measures, if any be necessary, to give full efficiency to the system adopted in 1831. Public opinion should particularly be brought to bear upon the subject; and if the residents of the different counties in the state would take the matter in hand, the immigration of free people of colour from other states, or the introduction of slaves into Maryland from thence, or the residence here of slaves, manumitted on condition of removal, could be much more effectually prevented, than it can be by the efforts of a Board of Managers, who, to accomplish these objects would have to employ more agents than the whole annual appropriation to the colonization fund would be sufficient to compensate.

The number of persons manumitted during the past year, as reported to the Board, has been two hundred an four,

including those whose freedom is prospective. The number previously reported was thirteen hundred and seventy seven, making, the total number reported, fifteen hundred and eighty-one since the enactment of the law of Dec. 1831.

All which is respectfully submitted.

signed { Charles Howard
Wm. R. Stuart
Franklin Anderson

Baltimore, December 20, 1837.

At a meeting of the Maryland State Colonization Society held at the Society's rooms in Baltimore Dec. 30th 1837. John H. B. Latrobe pest. of the Society in the chair, and William Mason Secretary.

On motion of Mr Woodward an election of officers was then gone into, which the following gentlemen were duly elected.

John H. B. Latrobe – Prest.

Thomas E. Bond
Charles Howard
Philip R. Hoffman
Hugh D Evans
John H. Briscoe
John S. Pascud
} Vice Presidents

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