country enjoying as freemen, equal rights; and the feeling which has already produced, in New York & Pennsylvania, the lists that have been entered in the chief cities of those states, will be excited far & wide, until the free Colored people of the United States, will come to look to Colonization, as the greatest boon & their best refuge. That this day will arrive, those who have considered the Subject in full view of all the circumstances, and unbiassed by the doctrines already referred to, entertain no doubt. Against its advent Colonization is intended to provide. To this end this fully adequate: and while the scheme is awful chimera so far as it aims at the removal of the entire Colored population of the United States by individual contributions, it is perfectly practicable, wise & benevolent as a means of establishing on the Coast of Africa colonies capable of self support, self government and self defence, virtuous, prosperous and happy, and capable of receiving and welcoming those whom the pressure of an

increasing white population contending with them for all means of livelihood and the force of other circumstances, may compel to emigrate. The emigration thus brought about will be like that which now takes place from Europe to America. It will, like that be the result of a desire to better the condition of the Emigrant, & like that it will be paid for by the Emigrants themselves. To prepare for this the Board of Managers are doing all in their power to make their Colony as attractive to the free coloured man of Maryland as America is to the European & to spread correct views & a full knowledge of all the facts among this class of the population

During the last year a form of government for all the Colonies on the Coast of Africa was suggested by a convention of the State Societies of New York & Pennsylvania & the American Colonization Society, which has, with some modification, been adopted by the latter as its future Constitution. To this Convention, delegates from the Maryland Society were invited & a committee was ap

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