and may place it in the hands of those, at any instant whose fancied connection with it has always been one of the greatest objections which the South have urged against it upon any occasion which they might deem important enough to require the out lay of a sufficient sum, the North may with the new Constitution of the American Colonization Society acquire the control of it, by creating enough life members, and should the South multiply members to outvote the Northern increase the result would be an unwieldy body too much torn with dissensions on the most exciting of all subjects to deal prudently or prudently with the funds which the contest for a majority would place under the control. This not answer to the objection thus made to northern influence that the South can buy influence too. The South can by the aid of the system of independent State action use the money that would be necessary far more profitably than in fitting out combatants for the arena that a general Society

would present when the representatives of dreamed real Jumins on the subject of slavery would meet to get lin in its Halls; Nor is what is thus called dreamed premature or the result of to great anxiety, — the daily thickening events of the time shew that the subject of slavery is fast becoming one of deep and fearful importance and that the safety of the slaveholding States will be found to use the language of a former report of this Board, in repudiating all extraneous and and unsolicited interference with the subject of slavery whether by the general government societies or individuals.

In conclusion of this part of their report the Board of Managers express again their confidence in the plan of independent State action that they have adopted, and their intention unless otherwise directed by the Society to persevere in its prosecution.

During the last year two emigrants returned from Cape Palmas on a visit to their friends. Both were persons of high respectability in the Colony, and the Board

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