selves.– The salaries will thus be reduced from $3050, to $1300, an important reduction at this particular time most undoubtedly.

The books are now in such order that the entries on the Day Book made by the Clerk, if posted by Mr. Abbott who has heretofore opened the Books and acted as bookkeeper,– will prevent any confusion getting into the amounts and keep them in their present accurate and satisfactory condition.

All that remains to be considered with reference to the organization proposed is its effect upon the Colonization Journal our newspaper – which is not to be overlooked in any arrangement we may make. This paper was originally edited by a committee of the Board, and it was not till some time after the appointment of Mr. Easter as agent that he took charge of it– I propose to go back to this plan. Mr. Knighton can cut from the Exchange papers every thing that relates to colonization a labour which he performed for Mr Easter, and then can be submitted to the committee for selection – with such comments as they may write as Editorials. I am satisfied that such a committee can be obtained. Dr. Somerden, Dr. Briscoe, & Dr. Hoffman edited the paper when it was first issued with great judgement and usefulness.–

The times and the condition of the Society demand economy, and I feel particularly anxious that our expenses should be as much as possible curtailed. If times mend we may extend our expenditures. Our duty is now to contract them. We have credit – we can only keep it by great prudence. I should like to propose to make Mr. Kennards salary $1200, which would

make our annual salaries $1500 – but any increase at this time except that of the clerks to $300, which is a bare support for him, I think inadviseable – Hereafter we may be more at liberty than we are now – and I feel satisfied that both Mr. Kennard & Mr. Knighton appreciating our condition will aid us in husbanding our means.

Most Respectfully
Jno. H. B. Latrobe.
Pres. Md. St. Col. Society.

On motion the following resolutions were adopted unanimously:

Resolved, That the report of the President in regard to the organization of the Executive functions of the Society be and the same is hereby accepted and approved – and that in accordance with its recommendations the Revd. John H. Kennard be appointed Home Agent at his present salary $1000 per annum; that Jno. M. Knighton be continued Clerk at $300 per annum from 1st March next, and that the Editing of the Colonization Journal be placed in charge of a committee to be appointed by the president.

Resolved, That the services of Mr. Roberts be dispensed with after the 1st April next, and that in the interval he be instructed to make this years collections in the City now due. That subsequently ~~the Colonization Office~~ the collections in the city and counties ~~to~~ be made by the Home Agent assisted by the Clerk.

Resolved, That a committee be appointed to agree with

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