On motion of Mr. Wilson, the said report was adopted.

The president read the despatches lately sent to Africa.

On motion the Board adjourned

W. H. Giles Secy.

At a meeting of the Board of Managers of the Maryland State Colonization Society, held Wednesday evening, Decr. 16. 1840.

Present: Jno. H. B. Latrobe Esqr Prest
Frs. H. Smith
Wm. Crane
Wm. R. Stuart
Chas. F. Mayer
Wm. Mason
Dr. G. S. Gibson
Jno. L. Carey
Oliver Holmes

The proceedings of the last meeting were read and approved.

A letter was received from Dr. Hall and, on motion, ordered to be entered on the minutes.

To Jno. H. B. Latrobe Esq.
Prest. Md. St. Col. Soc.

Dear Sir,

Although I have at no time received any written communication from yourself respecting my proposed connexion with the Maryland State Colonization Society, yet I deem it proper that I should embrace that manner of

addressing you upon the subject.

Previous to my late visit to New England I considered it as a matter settled that I should commence the performance of my duties as Agent of the Society immediately on my return, and all my private engagements were made to that effect. On my arrival in this city and examining thoroughly into the state of my commercial affairs I found them in a very different condition from what I had good reason to suppose at the time of my engagement with the Society. This fact, together with the tenor of recent advices from Africa render it imperative on me to revisit that coast. Consequently I am forced to resign the situation which I had, so recently, the honour to accept from the Board over which you preside.

I trust Sir, I need not express to you with how much pain & regret I make this communication. Although I have but too much reason to feel and know how ill-fitted I am for the performance of the duties necessarily devolving upon a general managing agent of the Colonization Society; still it was with no ordinary feelings of gratification that I again found myself connected with gentlemen from whom I have heretofore, while in their services, received the most urbane & kind treatment, together with the most flattering though unmerited testimonials of esteem and approbation: and at the same time to know that whatever services I could render would be for the benefit of a land and people to which and to whom I am bound by no ordinary ties and for whose good I am now and ever will

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