"Ordered, That the committee on colored population be instructed to enquire of the Board of Managers of the Md. St. Col. Society, the number of negroes which have been liberated in each County of the State, by last wills and testaments, or by deeds of manumission, since 1831; also the number which have been sent to their Colony on the coast of Africa; and also the number which they have caused to be sent out of the State under the provisions of the act of 1831, Ch. 281."

To which he had replied giving the necessary information.

The president gave notice that the Annual meeting having been postponed, owing to the inclemency of the weather, it will take place on Wednesday evening next at Annapolis.

On motion the Board adjourned.

Wm. P. Giles Rec. Sec.

Ninth Annual Report.

It is again the grateful duty of the Board of Managers, in presenting their Ninth Annual Report, to express their profound acknowledgements for the protection vouchsafed by Almighty God to the colony at Cape Palmas, which under his Divine favor has experienced a degree of prosperity peace and happiness during the past year, that has even more than realized the most sanguine expectations of its friends.

When the colony of Mdo in Liberia was founded, the Board of Managers sent with the first expedition a written constitution, and an ordinance based thereon, for the government of the people. Among the most important principles indicated in these laws, was kindness and forbearance to the natives of the country— the Board being desirous to make the return to Africa of the descendants of her children, carried of old into slavery, the means of civilizing and christianizing the region in which they settled. In this way Colonization would, in addition to its importance in reference to America, be made a blessing to Africa, and something would at last be done for that injured land in reparation of the wrongs of centuries. While therefore, the laws given to the first emigrants were most carefully prepared for the promotion of the prosperity of the community that was to grow

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