At a meeting of the Board of Managers of the Maryland State Colonization Society, held on the 2d Febry, 1841.

Present: John H. B. Latrobe President
Hugh D. Evans
Hugh Jenkins
John L. Carey
William Mason

The proceedings of the last meeting were read and approved.

The president reported to the Board what had been done at the annual meeting at Annapolis as follows:

The meeting was held in the Senate Chamber of the Capitol, on Thursday evening, January 28, 1841. The president Jno. H. B. Latrobe, in the chair, supported by Messrs Howard and Hoffman vice-presidents. The Rev. Mr. Kennard, agent of the society, acting as secretary. The meeting was opened by appropriate religious exercises, performed by the Rev. Dr. Humphreys, president of St. Johns College.

Mr. Kennard then read the Report of the Board of Managers.

Mr. Latrobe, (Mr. Howard, being in the chair,) then offered the following preamble and resolution, which were adopted.

Whereas, The colony of Maryland in Liberia was

founded by the Maryland State Colonization Society, under the auspices and patronage of the State of Maryland, with the understanding, that the colony should receive a continuance of countenance and assistance, and also from time to time such additions of emigrants as would enable them to feel a confidence in their permanent establishment as a free and independent nation: And whereas, we have the fullest assurance that the prosperity of the colony now established at Cape Palmas, is unparalleled in the history of Colonization, that the inhabitants thereof have proved an honor to their race.

Therefore be it resolved, That the present citizens of Maryland in Liberia, have a moral claim to a continuation of that patronage and countenance hitherto afforded them, and induced by which they emigrated to a foreign land; that as a matter of justice to them, every philanthropist and friends of the African race in Maryland, should use all practicable efforts to sustain and succour them until they shall have such means in their own power, and such numerical strength as will enable them entirely to fulfil the intentions of the first projectors and founders of the colony.

On motion of Jno. L. Carey, Esq.

2 Resolved, That the society views, in the success which has thus far attended the system of independent state action, which they have adopted in reference to Colonization, the

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