exclusively for the purposes aforesaid.

On motion,

Resolved, That a committee be appointed to ascertain whether a fair can be held for the benefit of the Society at the time of holding the June convention, and if so to take such measures as may be necessary for the same.

Charles Howard, P. R. Hoffman, J. L. Carey,
Jno. H. Briscoe & Geo. S. Gibson

On motion,

Resolved, That a committee be appointed to co-operate with the General Agent in procuring a select meeting of the friends of colonization for the purpose of raising funds to pay the present debts of the Society.

Thomas Wilson, Wm. Mason, Hugh Jenkins,
Wm. Crane, and Wm R. Stuart.

At a meeting of the Board of Managers of the Maryland State Colonization Society held Saturday evening March 13th 1841.

Present Jno. H. B. Latrobe President
Chas. Howard
Joseph King Jr.
Dr. Geo. S. Gibson
" J. H. McCulloh
Wm F. Giles Rec. Secy
James Hall Genl agent

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

The President gave an account of the proceedings of the special meeting lately held in this city in favor of Colonization.

The following circular, signed by the President, sent into the counties, soliciting aid in calling a convention was read and adopted:

Sir,

At the Annual meeting of the Md. St. Col. Soc. held at Annapolis, it was determined to hold a convention of the friends of colonization, in the city of Baltimore, and Thursday the 3d of June next has been fixed upon for its assembling.

It is hoped, that the representation from every part of Maryland will be full. That each county will appoint and send at least thirty delegates; and this communication is addressed to you, in the hope that you will use your influence in your vicinity to call attention to the subject. The necessity of so important a measure will be found in the following brief abstract of statistics. In the year 1790, there were but 8043 free coloured people in the State – there are now 64,937. In 1790, every 27th free man in Maryland was a free coloured man; now the free black population is to the white population nearly as 1 to 5. In several of the counties, the free coloured is to the white population as 1. to 3; and in one instance where it was as 1 to 10 in 1790 it is now as 1 to 2. Excluding the increase in the City of Baltimore, the white population in Maryland has diminished, in the last 10 years; and the free coloured population has increased 17 per cent. Even with the

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