elective, save the governor, who is appointed by the Md. St. Colonization Society. He is a coloured man, liberally educated, sound and intelligent. The colonial Physician (also a man of color) is well educated and talented. Many of the other colonists and coloured missionaries are men of weight of character, and of very respectable literary attainments. Two schools are constantly in operation in the colony, and so located and conducted, as to afford advantages to all the children of the colonists, of acquiring the fundamental principles of an English education, and their attendance is general and uniform. The principle occupation of the colonists is the cultivation of the soil. They are located on sufficiently large plots of land; on each side of a well graded carriage road leading four miles into the interior, and also on two roads running parallel to it. They are a temperate, industrious religious and contented people, duly appreciating the privileges and advantages they enjoy. The relations between the colonists and natives, with whom they live in immediate contact, have with slight exceptions always been of the most amicable kind, and the influence exerted on the latter by the intercourse has been decidedly salutary. The largest missionary establishments on the East of Africa (those of the Cape of Good Hope excepted) are located at Cape Palmas consisting of Presbyterian, Episcopalian, and methodist preachers and teachers, whose efforts and progress have been materially assisted by the mechanical labour of the colonists and the assistance of many as teachers; no part of the heathen world presenting so few obstacles, or promising so rich a reward to the labour of the minister of Christ.

Such is a brief sketch of the colony of Maryland in Liberia which presents some aspects that may be considered as unparalleled and anomalous. 1st A christian Republic situated within the tropics of the eastern hemisphere, is a spectacle never before witnessed. 2d The colonizing a country and establishing a separate and distinct government immediately in contact with the original inhabitants thereof, without war and bloodshed, has rarely been effected; and then under circumstances so different as to afford no parallel to the purchase of Cape Palmas and its peaceable possession for seven years, by a few free blacks and manumitted slaves. 3d It affords the only instance in the history of christendom in which a government has been founded and maintained embodying, as a fundamental principle of its government, the exclusion of all intoxicating liquors. These three distinctive characteristics of Maryland in Liberia must render it an object of the deepest interest to the philanthropist and they have given it a claim to that guidance and protection, without which the best directed efforts of man prove nugatory and useless. To advance the interests of this colony, and support the principles on which it was founded is this application now made. It cannot receive such patronage and additions of numbers as to warrant a

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