and churches will be changed to palaver places and greegree dens for the performance of demoniac orgies - and the colonists themselves, scattered and ~~dispersed~~ despoiled, gradually be swallowed up by the masses of the native population.

Such, Sir, is a brief abstract of the grounds on which is based this direct appeal to your liberality.

Preamble & Resolutions.

Whereas the plan of African Colonization has been adopted in Maryland not only as the best mode of abating the evils of slavery consistent with the guaranteed rights of the owners of slaves, by promoting gradual and voluntary emancipation but also as the most salutary mode of placing the free people of color of Maryland with their own consent in a land and climate which nature destined them to inhabit - thereby terminating relations which cannot be expected always to continue harmonious between the white and colored population of the State. And whereas, the Maryland State Colonization have succeeded in establishing on the coast of Africa, at Cape Palmas, a colony of free colored persons of Maryland, which, from its moral and political character, and its geographical position and extent is capable of affording a safe, secure and desirable home for the coloured population of this, even the entire amount thereof.

And whereas it is represented to this meeting, that the state of the funds of the Md. A. Col. Socy. is such as threatens materially to retard and even suspend its operations, thereby not only closing the only door to the pacific accomplishment of the results so ardently desired by the Statesman and philanthropist, but forfeiting a pledge given to the former emigrants to Md. in Liberia that they should receive such aid and additions of emigrants as should insure a permanence and stability to their new Republic.

Therefore, be it resolved, That to meet the exigency of the State Society, the sum of ten thousand dollars be raised by voluntary contributions and subscriptions, and that a subscription for the same be opened at this meeting;

Resolved, That the Clergy of the State of Md. be earnestly entreated to take up a collection in aid of the cause of colonization, on the evening of the 4th of July.

Resolved, That this meeting cordially approve the call of a State Convention on the 3d day of June next, to take the subject of Colonization into consideration, and recommend a public meeting of the citizens of Baltimore to appoint delegates to attend the same.

On motion,

Resolved, That the Gen'l Agent be requested to co-operate with the Committee appointed at the last meeting to make an effort to get up a fair in aid of Colonization

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