Maryland in Liberia - so that Colonization may be fully recognised not as only the means of restoring the descendants of Africa to the only land where they can be really free, but as the most efficient Agent of Civilization and the Gospel."

In their relations with Africa the Society is a political government and has looked upon all religious denominations as equally entitled to claim the benefit of the above Resolution being unwilling to do more in their behalf than is promised by its terms - other than to afford them that courtesy and protection which all civilized governments render to strangers within their limits engaged with their consent in the pursuit of commendable objects. Should Bishop Kenrick, therefore, in promotion of the views entertained by the head of your Church see fit to send the Missionaries in question to Cape Palmas, the Society will make to them the same grant that has been made to the missionaries of other denominations and which is the extent of the aid yet given to any.

That the views of the Society may be thoroughly understood in regard to its powers and duties in relation to the Colony, and the condition of residents there other than natives or coloured emigrants I take this opportunity to furnish you with a copy of the Statute explanatory of the subject.

This reply has been submitted to the Board of Managers of the State Society and having been approved by them is now sent to you as their action upon the subject.

Rev. Patrick Kelly

I. H. B. L.



The President also read the following letter from Gov. J. B. Russwurm.

Cape Palmas June 24th 1841

Mr. H. B. Latrobe Esq.

Dear Sir,

I had the honor of addressing you by the Trafalgar which left here on the 2d instant; and I embrace the present conveyance to advise you on two important points.

First. Another controversy has arisen between Rev. J. L. Wilson and myself about my right as agent, to order out civilized young men, in his employ, from Cape Coast and Sierra Leon, to perform military duty in the Colony. He claims an exemption not only for them, but for all others whom he may introduce under the name of assistant missionaries: and he does this on the strength of your letter of July 2d 1838 to Rev. Dr. Anderson - a copy of which I have now before me. I have read the letter carefully over, and can see nothing in it which will bear this construction - In it I am instructed to consider John Banks, on the same footing as Mr. James, and exempt him from all duties: all this I have followed to the letter, and lo! and behold! the said John Banks is again turned on our hands after having been the cause of so much undue excitement.

We have two other instances of civilized natives

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