At a meeting of the Board of Managers of the Maryland State Colonization Society held on Friday afternoon 1st Oct. at 4 O'clock.

Present

Jno. H. B. Latrobe President
Wm. Mason
Wm. R. Stuart
Wm. Crane
Jno. L. Carey
Dr. Geo. S. Gibson
" J. H. M'Culloh
" J. H. Briscoe
H. D. Coans
& Dr. Hall Genl. Agt.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

Dr. M'Culloh from the Committee appointed at the last meeting on the subject of Gov. Russwurm's letter reported as follows:

The Committee to whom Gov. Russwurm's letter of the 25th June 1841, has been referred, after due deliberation beg leave to make the following report:

With respect to the point of difference existing between the Rev. Mr. Wilson & Gov. Russwurm as to the liability of persons in the service of the Missionaries at Cape Palmas to perform militia duty they can but wonder how any one can contest the Governor's opinion who will examine the

Laws by which the Colony there is governed.

The 32. Sec. of the Ordinance for Temporary Government requires "That all males between the ages of sixteen & sixty, residing in the territory shall be enrolled in the general militia and be liable to be called upon at the discretion of the Agnt. under officers appointed by him in the defence of the territory." &c. &c.

This section therefore is conclusive on the subject, for there are no exceptions made of any persons whatever from the operation of this law who are of suitable age.

It is true that the Society has ex-pratia exempted those persons who under the denomination of missionaries have a residence at Cape Palmas, but it is to be understood that those only are to be considered Missionaries who, not being colonists, have been regularly ordained or licensed as ministers of the Gospel by corporations ecclesiastically constituted to grant such ordination or licence and who are in the actual employment of some American or European Missionary Society.

Such persons then are exempt from militia duty, but not their assistants, servants or other persons employed by the missionaries themselves.

Again this ground is covered by the 3d enactment of the Declaratory Ordinance of 3d Feb. 1841 which states "That all persons who now are, or hereafter may be within the said territory on any pretext or for any purpose

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