And it is folly and madness for him to despise it: for the day will come when it will be the triumph of colonization that it has prepared a home in the land of his forefathers for the free coloured emigrant from America.

We have spoken of the policy and feeling of Maryland. Within the last eight months, two Conventions of her citizens have been held on the subject of the coloured population. The first was held in Baltimore in June, and was composed of the friends of colonization. The last, a Convention representing the slave-holders of Maryland, has just closed its session at Annapolis.

The Convention of the friends of colonization was called in pursuance of a resolution passed at the last annual meeting at Annapolis. It was fully attended, and every county in the State sent delegates. The purposes of colonization, as herein briefly stated, were avowed and discussed, and the value and importance of the plan was recognised on all sides. The following resolutions were adopted, as embodying the opinions and the principles of action of the colonizationists of Maryland; and, of the truth of the warning given in the last, circumstances, since occurring, have certainly afforded ample corroboration.

"1st. Resolved, That this convention look to the removal of the free coloured people and manumitted slaves of Maryland with their own consent to Africa, as the legitimate object of the colonization system.

2nd. Resolved, That the idea that the coloured people will ever obtain social and political equality in this state is wild and mischievous; and by creating among them hopes that can never be realized, is at war with their own happiness and improvement.

3rd. Resolved, That while it is most earnestly hoped that the free coloured people of Maryland may see that their best and most permanent interests will be consulted by their emigration from this state; and while this convention would deprecate any departure from the principle which makes colonization dependant upon the voluntary action of the free coloured people themselves – yet, if regardless of what has been done to provide them with an asylum, they continue to persist in remaining in Maryland, in the hope of enjoying here an equality of social and political rights – they ought to be solemnly warned, that in the opinion of this convention, the day must arrive, when circumstances that cannot then be controlled, and which are now maturing – will deprive them of the freedom of choice, and leave them no alternative but removal."

The Convention of slave-holders, after a session of several days, adopted various resolutions embodying what they held to be required for the protection of their peculiar interests. These resolutions, accompanied by a memorial from the Convention, have been presented to the Legislature now in session; but no action has been had upon them up to

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