balanced temper to inquire and conciliate, and aptness to learn the varied genius of the population to be affected and guided. Contemplating in this way the endowments to be called into action in the Governor's place and the labour to be effected, we recur necessarily to the ability which has illustrated the career of Governor Russwurm and to the success which has honoured and requited his intelligent course of duty. He has properly felt the responsibilities which are concentrated in his office towards the present goods and the fame and destinies of the Colony. We lament indeed that the Colony is now to lose the benefit of his matured efficiency, and of a knowledge which his long service has imbued him with of all that can bear on the wholesome policy of our colonists. But altho' his experience would have made his abilities even more effective in after years of government, yet we have not only enjoyed his worthy administration, but in his official life we shall have gained, or the Colony, a safe model and an instructive precedent for future governors. In indicating what we believe requisite in point of intellect and practical wisdom in a Governor and in referring to what has been displayed in that office, we shew what we expect for the individual who may be called to the station. The Committee with all these views and anxieties have gone into the duty of selecting for the consideration of the Board an appropriate

person for the office of Governor. And after careful inquiry we find no one better fitted to fill the measure of our requirements for that important trust, than Dr Samuel S. McGill. He has long lived in our African Colonies, and emphatically seems to abide the fortunes, and to have a patriotic identity with the prosperity and aggrandizement, of our Maryland Settlement.

He has received a good education – study has enriched and tempered his mind – and we have every reason to confide in his judgement. We are persuaded that his official action will be considerately adapted to the peculiarities of the people, knowing the capacities and solicitously alive to the interests of his African Country. He has from early youth marked the moral pride, as well as the development and progress, of the Society around him, and which he will regard, we would trust, as the expansive element of future Empire. He has witnessed its vicissitudes and privations, and its history will have taught him patience – and perseverance and confidence in an auspicious Providence. We believe that it will be his pride with cautious wisdom, firmly but dispassionately, to advance and enforce the social order, and promote the improvement and most useful industry of his fellow citizens. He will, we think, cultivate and chasten in them, as far as he may, a patriotick ardour, binding together all portions of society by the sense of the publick interest, and an emulation for

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