all useful eminence as the best talents to the goods and fame of Maryland in Liberia. We have reason to think that he cherishes the Supremacy of the Laws, as the true and patriotick sovereignty which must rule if the Colony is to prosper and endure. The spirit that these anticipations ascribe to Dr McGill we may expect in one who, at a tender age, was engrafted on this colonial enterprize, and whose hopes and welfare and fairest honors must be embodied with it. Under these confident impressions we earnestly commend Dr McGill to the consideration of the Board for appointment to the place of Governor from which Mr. Ashmun is about to retire. –

After having prepared the preceding report, the Committee has just learned that, by a private letter from Mr Ashmun, he appears to have made arrangements which allow him to continue in the Government of our Colony. This intelligence is certainly gratifying and the Committee cannot better indicate the degree of their satisfaction at receiving it than by presenting to the Board the views their Report would record of the merits of Mr Ashmun and of the value of his faithful services. On the other hand their representations of Dr McGills qualifications most fitly introduce a suggestion for a measure which the heretofore anticipated resignation of Mr Ashmun and the contingency of his office becoming vacant would naturally lead us to

contemplate. That measure is that the Board shall confer on Dr McGill the appointment of provisional Governor to take Mr Ashmun's place in case his office shall become vacant.

Also be it ~~is~~ not strictly within the province of the Committee they would respectfully propose in deference to the now distinguished skill and the increased labor of Dr McGill as a Physician that his annual salary be One Thousand Dollars instead of six Hundred as it now is. The Board is too well informed of the signal success of Dr McGill's Medical services and of his eminent medical reputation on the shores of Africa to needs any remarks in enforcement of this tribute to his talent and his toils. We conclude then, with submitting to the Board's consideration the following Resolutions.

Charles F. Mayer Chairm.

Resolved. That in the event of a vacancy occurring in the office of Governor of the Colony, by the death or resignation of the present incumbent, Dr Samuel Ford McGill be and he is hereby appointed Governor of Maryland in Liberia.

Resolved, That in consideration of the increased and arduous medical services of Dr McGill he shall, henceforth, be paid the yearly salary of One Thousand Dollars in place of that of Six hundred Dollars now appropriated to him as Medical Officer of the Colony.

The foregoing resolutions were unanimously adopted.

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