Colony suppose the temporal interests of the Colonists to conflict with the object of the Missionary Board." He also denies that any hostile feeling exists to the natives. And "all the correspondence between this Society and its agent in the Colony and in all the acts of the Society so far as they have come to the knowledge of the Board, there exists no evidence of any such hostile feeling, and your Committee are firm in the belief that none such exists. It would not have supposed, he for one moment contended that with these members of this Society or with its Board of Management any such feeling could exist.

Article 6th of the Constitution of the Society declared religion, morality and knowledge to be necessary to good government and the happiness of mankind: and also set forth expressly the humane principle, which should ever actuate the Society's conduct towards the natives. and Section 34th of the ordinance for the temporary government of the Colony was passed to protect them from the advantages which emigrants from their superior knowledge, might be enabled to take. and the Society in all their transactions, with the missionaries, and the natives, has ever carried out the principle contained in those parts of the Constitution and ordinance to which reference is thus made. It also early adopted at the suggestion of Dr. Hall, its then agent in Africa the following resolution to wit: "Resolved that this Board offer to the members of all religious

denominations every facility in their power to establish schools and enter upon the field of Missionary labor within the Jurisdiction of Maryland in Liberia. So that Colonization may be fully recognised not only as the means of restoring the descendants of Africa to the lands where they can be really free, but as the most efficient agent of Civilization and the Gospel."

Of the four specific allegations against your Society contained in the report, three are for the passage of laws for the regulation of the trade and police in your Colony, and one, the first in order, charges a fact which did not exist, as the freman alluded to, who in 1838 was required to perform military duty, or pay the fine for its omission, was a Colonist who had subscribed the Constitution &c and not a native. Of the three laws to which exception is taken in the report, two are contained in the ordinance for the temporary government of the Colony which was passed before the respected Missionary (whose removal is now contemplated) had settled in the Colony and went out in the vessel which carried him to Cape Palmas. we allude to the 33d Section of the said ordinance which required that all males, between certain ages residing in the territory should be enrolled in the militia &c. and the 41st section which provided that no person should reside in the territory, without permission of the Society or the agent. – Apart from the obvious propriety and necessity of such regulations in a Colony situated as Cape Palmas, it is a sufficient answer, to say that

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