the President and approved.

The president then read the Annual Report which was adopted and ordered to be printed.

The president named Messrs. Howard, Campbell & Dr. Gibson as the Committee to visit the Secretary of the U. S. Navy in reference to transportation to Africa.

On motion the Board adjourned.

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At a meeting of the Board of Managers of the Md. State Colonization Society held at their office Tuesday 24th January 1843.

Present Rev. J. B. Latrobe
Wm. R. Stuart
Wm. Evans
Charles F. Mayer
J. D. Evans
T. W. Bruce Jr.
Wm. Mason
Dr. J. H. Briscoe
Wm. F. Giles

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

Mr. Evans from the Committee heretofore appointed to prepare an ordinance for the better maintenance of the Government of Maryland in Liberia



reported the following ordinance which on motion was unanimously adopted: viz

An Ordinance for the better maintenance of the authority of the Government of Maryland in Liberia.

Be it enacted and ordained by the Maryland State Colonization Society that it shall be the duty of all white persons above the age of fourteen years, who shall hereafter arrive in the territory called Maryland in Liberia, except the commanders, officers and other persons attached to vessels of war, and the masters supercargoes, officers and seamen of merchant vessels, and such passengers on board such merchant vessels as merely touch or call in the course of a voyage as do not intend to remain in the territory more than ten days to report themselves to the colonial secretary, as soon as conveniently may be after their arrival, and to sign in his office and presence an engagement of the tenor & effect following, in a book to be kept for that purpose, that is to say:

Maryland in Liberia to wit:

Know all men that we whose names are hereunto subscribed, do declare and acknowledge that the government of the territory known by the name of Maryland in Liberia is rightfully vested in the Maryland State Colonization Society, and in the Agents and officers appointed by them or otherwise under the au=

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