At a meeting of the Board of Managers of the Maryland State Colonization Society held Wednesday evening 13 Nov. 1844. were present:

Jno. H. B. Latrobe
Charles F. Mayer
Dr. J. H. Briscoe
F. W. Brune jr
Dr. George S. Gibson
James H. McCulloh
J. Mason Campbell
Wm. Crane
Thomas Wilson
Charles Howard
Samuel Barnes

The proceedings of the last meeting were read and approved.

The president stated that dispatches had been received from the Colony by the "Frances Lord" down to the 24th Aug. the importance of which had required the Board to be convened at this time; as the early sailing of the fall expedition made it necessary to prepare the replies forthwith.

Letters from the Agent, J. B. Russwurm, under the date of 13th February and the 24th August last were then read, and also the resolutions in regard to rates of duty and licenses passed by the Governor & Council and enclosed in the former. The president read also a letter which he had written to Gov. Russwurm in reply to that of Febry

13th by an opportunity that had offered on the day of the receipt of the latter. The president also read a letter, which he had received from Dr. McGill, unofficial under date of 22nd August last – having reference also to the Tariff ordinance – Also Dr. McGill's official communication to the Home agent.

The communications here referred to then became the subject of conversation and discussion among the members, and were very fully considered – when the following ordinance was adopted on motion of Mr. Wilson, seconded by Mr. Crane:

The first supplement to an ordinance entitled an ordinance to raise a revenue for the support of Government in the Colony of Maryland in Liberia and for other purposes.

Be it enacted and ordained by the Maryland State Colonization Society. That from and after the promulgation of this ordinance in Maryland in Liberia the duty of ten per centum on the invoice price upon all goods wares and merchandize imported or landed in Maryland in Liberia imposed by the ordinance to which this is a supplement, be and the same is hereby suspended until the first day of January in the year eighteen hundred and fifty – and that until the first day of January in the year eighteen hundred and forty seven the duty under the said ordinance to which this is a supplement, shall in lieu of the said ten per centum be five per centum on the invoice price; and that from and after the date last mentioned, and until the first day of January eighteen hundred

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