fight, so he took up a stone, flung it at the stranger, and gave him a severe cut over the eye. Two colonists were present, one the clerk of the court, and were witnesses of the whole affair. The circumstance being immediately made known to Esquire McFarland, a warrant was issued, and a vigilant constable soon ferreted out the fellow and brought him up. He was tried, convicted & condemned to pay a fine of a bullock. The natives hate to part with their cattle very much, but Cudjoe or Sumbo, or whatever his name was, had to be forthcoming with the fine. Of course the smallest bullock they could obtain was produced. It was sold for six dollars, three of which went for the expense of the magistrate's court, and the other three to the boy as a compensation for his broken head.

"In my next I will give you an account of a very pleasant excursion in the interior, which Gov. Roberts, Rev. Mr. Herring and myself made in the month of May.

J. S."

By the last advices from Africa it was announced by the Governor that the new tariff was about going into effect, and it is, probably, by this time in full operation. The revenue to be derived from it, in the present condition of the colony, must necessarily be small; but it will be the commencement of the system by which the expenses of the Government will be eventually borne, and the funds of the Society on this side of the Atlantic, will be left to the shipment of emigrants and the support

of the office here. The object is not to raise a revenue from Maryland in Liberia to be appropriated to any purpose of the State Society. This is prohibited by the Charter to which the colonists and the Society are parties. But it is intended for the purposes of the colony exclusively, and the Board feel satisfied that it will be paid cheerfully by the colonists.

Since the date of the last Report the light-house has been finished and is now in use; it was built and is supported without any demand from the Society for assistance and the single fact, that at the end of nine years a colony of free coloured people from the State of Maryland, whose whole number for two years did not amount to one hundred, and which has been increased, by such materials as it has been in the Society's power to send, until it now numbers seven hundred inhabitants,- the single fact, it is repeated, that under such circumstances a light house has been erected and maintained, speaks by itself volumes in behalf of the colonists who have done it.

Political Character of the Colony. The question is often asked, what are the relations of the colonists to this country? what the rights of the societies by which they have been founded? and during the past year, the attention of the Board has been called particularly to the subject by a circular addressed to them by the American Colonization Society, containing a correspondence between Governor Roberts, of Monrovia, and the commanding officer of Her

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