be reconciled on the common ground of African Colonization and the relations of the colonies and the United States can be put upon a mutually advantageous basis must depend in a great measure upon developements in Africa; and when the trade of that country shall become an object to contend for, and when emigration shall be rapid and steady, there will be more probability, than there now is, that the true interest of the United States, its moral duty even, will be recognized and pursued. It gives the Board great pleasure to refer in this connection to the correspondence in regard to the colonies between Lord Aberdeen and Mr Everett, which will be found in the Appendix. The views on both sides are liberal and just, and the Board are satisfied that while such a feeling prevails as the correspondence exhibits, there is nothing to be apprehended under any circumstances from the aggressions of the citizens of either nation upon the rights of the colonists.

Home Affairs. - The Board are able to state that during the past year a stronger interest seems to have been manifested by the free colored people in regard to Colonization, than heretofore. This is not shewn so much in the number of emigrants offering, as is a spirit of enquiry among them. A Society for obtaining information has been established

in Baltimore County - and it has been proposed to form a company whose stock shall be held chiefly, if not exclusively by colored persons, to establish a trade between Baltimore and Liberia. A charter for this purpose was granted by the Legislature at its present session, and there is every reason to believe that the plan will be carried out. In this event "the Packet" will have been gotten up by the colored people themselves, and the stock of the Company being owned by them on both sides of the Atlantic, a confidence will be created here, with regard to the state of things there, that must be productive of the happiest results.

Besides these movements on the part of the free colored people, indicative of increasing interest - the dissemination of accurate knowledge by officers and men who have returned from the United States Squadron has been productive of much good: and the Board are happy in being able to say, that as far as they have been informed, the intelligence communicated in this way has been uniformly favorable.

It is almost unnecessary for the Board to repeat what has been already so often repeated in their annual report, that colonization is to be successful by the agency of the free colored people themselves. All that societies can do, is, to prepare a place

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