for the emigration, that must take place voluntarily, if colonization is to be accomplished. The more attractive this place can be made by the healthiness of its location, by the facilities afforded there to industry, by the good laws prevailing there, by the opportunities of acquiring education there, and by a high of moral and religious feeling, the better will the end be accomplished – and the sooner will that voluntary emigration take place, which will one day flow from America to Africa as the current of a similar emigration now flows from Europe to the United States. To the establishment of such homes in Africa, colonization with her scanty means even, is fully competent.

During this session of the Legislature enquiries were made by the committee of ways and means, to ascertain whether the states appropriation of $10.000 per annum, in aid of the Society's objects could not be dispensed with and the correspondence took place, which will be found in the Appendix. The committee reported ultimately against any interference with the appropriation, and the Board feel satisfied that there will be nothing on this score to be apprehended. The mention of the enquiry made by the committee in the public papers induces the Board to introduce the subject at this time into their annual report.

The Board are able to announce to the Society that they are wholly out of debt: Four years since the debts of the Society amounted to upwards of $10.000 all of which has been paid off and the credit of the Society fully established. In noticing this fact the Board would do injustice, did they not award to Dr. Hall their home agent, and to J. B. Ruhsuum Esq. the Governor of the Colony, the principal part of the credit due for the judicious economy, both here and in the colony which has produced this result.

By the last advices from Africa the Board have heard of the arrival out of the Chipola which carried the fall expedition. The emigrants had a very rapid passage and were all landed in good health. From Gov. Ruhsuum's letter every thing seems to be going on well and prosperously so that at this time both in Africa and in this country the affairs of the Society are a subject of congratulation.

By order of the Board of Managers
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