The State Society is a Stockholder to the amount heretofore subscribed specially to the building of the Packet. On her first voyage out, in addition to the freight and emigrants offered by the Colonization societies, quite a number of cabin passengers, and a considerable amount of freight was obtained from other sources, and there is every reason to believe that in a pecuniary point of view, the Liberia Packet will prove a profitable investment to stockholders. In a moral point of view, the advantages to be derived from her regular trips between this country and Africa cannot be too highly appreciated; and the Board are happy to be able to say, that, to some extent they have already been realized, in the greater interest in the cause, that has been created on both sides of the Atlantic, by the permanence that thus seems to have been given to the intercourse between them. The Packet brought to Baltimore the news of her arrival at the Colony on her return to this port

on the 6th of April last, having proved herself to possess all the best qualities of a fast sailing and most comfortable craft.

The advices from the Colony up to the time of the sailing of the Packet were of the most gratifying character, as had been, indeed, all those received during the current year; and in January, the date of the last advices, the emigrants were contented and thriving - the business of the place was on the increase - employment was readily obtained by all who were willing to work, and extended journeys had been made into the interior, opening new avenues for trade in one direction, and for the extension, in the other, of the light and blessings of Christianity and civilization. Cases of discontent were rare, and affairs generally seemed to be as prosperous, and as likely to continue so, as the best and warmest friends of Colonization could reasonably desire. The Board are well aware how easy it is to round periods on one side of the ocean, in regard to affairs on the other, and how often the wish-

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