is the father to the thought in reports like the present; and they are, therefore, guarded in the statements that they make, saying nothing which they do not believe to be fully borne out by the testimony, not of their Agent only but by the evidence of impartial visitors, who look at the Colony without any of the bias that may be imputed to avowed Colonizationists. The Board do not pretend to say that Cape Palmas is "the happy valley" - but they do say, that its condition and prospects fully equal the most sanguine anticipations of its friends and are such as to excite the liveliest satisfaction among all who feel an interest in the developement of the talents and energies of that large portion of the human family, which, it has been the fashion among many, to look upon as incapable of political self government, or high intellectual accomplishments.

In the last Annual Report the Board stated, that they had

sent to the Colony the model of a schooner of fifty tons, with such materials and naval stores, as were necessary to enable her to be built at Cape Palmas; and also, that they had secured the services of a journeyman ship carpenter, an intelligent free man of Colour, to superintend her Construction. They are now glad to be able to state that the schooner has been launched, and is actively engaged in the service of the Colony. All the anticipations of the Board in having the schooner built at the Colony have been realized. A most admirable model has been furnished, and a commencement made in ship building, which, though upon a small scale, promises already to produce most gratifying results. Bolen the Carpenter who built the schooner, has returned to the United States and is now preparing to go back to the Colony to open a regular ship yard on his own account. He has proved himself, in every respect, competent to the undertaking,

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