At a meeting of the Board of Managers of the Md. St. Col. Society held September 6th. 1848. present:

John H. B. Latrobe Pres. — Charles Howard
George W. Dobbin — Doctor John Bowcoe
William K. Stewart — William Crane
Charles F. Mayer — F. W. Brune.

The following resolution was unanimously adopted.

Resolved, "That the Board have had great pleasure in welcoming John B. Russwurm, the Gov. of Maryland in Liberia, on his visit to the United States, and have felt gratified in being able personally to assure him of their high estimate of his character and services. On motion it was

Resolved, "That Wm. Cassell be and is hereby appointed Chief Justice of Maryland in Liberia, and that there be made out and forwarded to him his Commission by the Packet now about to sail for Cape Palmas.

Resolved, "That the salary of the Chief Justice shall be one hundred dollars per annum to commence from the delivery to him of this Commission, now forwarded to him by Gov. Russwurm. "The President then read the following letter to Governor Russwurm which was approved by the Board, and ordered to be entered on the minutes.

Baltimore September 5th. 1848 —

Jno. B. Russwurm Esq.
Gov. of Md. in Liberia — My Dear Sir, Having had the pleasure of personal interview with you there is little to be said, at this time

explanatory of the views of the Board of Managers, their having been made the subject of oral communication. You are aware that in two or three years the appropriation of the State for the purposes of Colonization will be exhausted, and although it is not impossible that it may be partially renewed, yet this is so doubtful, that it would be unsafe to rely upon it. When the appropriation is at an end, the means of the Society will be the collection which it may obtain from individuals in the community, means which you are aware cannot be depended upon. It is therefore most important that the operations of the Society be brought into as compact a form as practicable, and that engagements ahead should be very limited. In all that you have done heretofore in the way of expenditure for the improvement of the Colony, and the maintenance of the Emigrants, you have the full approbation of the Board of Managers, whose object has been to make the Colony not only a place satisfactory to its Citizens, but attractive in all respects to the people of this Country. Now, however, the time has arrived when a greater economy becomes necessary; and the small number of Emigrants recently sent to the Colony will probably enable you to exercise it without materially interfering with any existing interest.

It is hoped that trade will furnish means to some extent which may make available in its affairs; and this you are not to lose sight of. Remote as they are from the theatre of action, the Board necessarily repose much in your judgment, up to this time you have fully met all their expectations, and justified all their confidence; and having made you aware of the existing state of things, they rely upon your aid in carrying out the means here expressed in a general way.

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