At a meeting of the Board of Managers of the Maryland State Colonization Society held Tuesday evening Oct 21st 1857 -
Present

Jno H.B. Latrobe President
William Crane
Frederick W. Brune } Managers
Thomas Wilson
William Mason

The secretary read a letter from Doctor Saml F. McGill dated July 1851. Mr Brune offered the following resolution which was unanimously adopted

Resolved, That the course pursued by the acting Governor Dr Samuel F. McGill in Maryland in Liberia on the occasion of Governor Russwurm's death meets with the entire approbation and entitles him to the thanks of the Society, which the President is directed to communicate to Dr McGill, by enclosing a copy of these resolutions in the next official dispatches, and that the appointment of Dr McGill as assistant agent & acting Governor is hereby confirmed

Mr Crane took occasion to say that although he had recommended Mr Russwurm many years ago to the Board as a man every way suitable for the office of Governor, his name was first suggested by our agent Dr Hall, to whom all the credit was therefor due for the selection of so suitable an officer

Mr Wilson rose to second the resolution and remarked that in his personal intercourse with the lamented dead, during his visit to our country, he found him in intelligence and virtue entitled to the confidence of our society, he therefor thought it due to the memory of such a man that we

should thus notice his death

x The President then read the following address to the Colonists, which was adopted and directed to be sent to Cape Palmas.

Office of the Maryland State Colonization Society
Baltimore October 21st 1857

Address of the Board of Managers of the Maryland State Colonization Society to the Citizens of Maryland in Liberia

For the first time in your history, Death has stricken in the midst of you the head of your local government. Seperated from you as they are, the Board have nevertheless deeply felt, and most sincerely deplore the loss of the late Governor of Maryland in Liberia.

Governor Russwurm's position was a peculiar one, He was the first colored Governor of a colony from the United States on the Coast of Africa, If white men have ceased to hold office or exercise authority among you, it is because he illustrated the capacity of your race to fill the highest political offices with an ability that could not be surpassed, Had he failed in this, had he fallen short of what was expected of him, you would have been the losers in the opinion of the world; and the slander which has so often charged you with political incapacity would for a season, have been looked upon as sustained

But Governor Russwurm was fully competent to all the

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