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At a meeting of the Board of Managers of the Maryland State Colonization Society held at the Colonization Office agreeable to notice on Saturday the 7th. January 1854 - were present the following members viz.

The President & Messrs. Crane, Wilson, Tyson, Giles, Tyffany, Mason, Gibson, Briscoe, King, Keighler & Brune.

The proceedings of the previous meeting were read;

Letters from the Colony to the 10th September were then read to the meeting.

A committee consisting of the following gentlemen, that is to say, the President & Messrs Wilson, Crane, King, Evans, Giles & Brune, was then appointed to take the entire question connected with the adoption of the Constitution sent from the Colony as well as the documents sent at the same time into consideration and to report to the Society. A motion was then made & carried that the expenses of the Commissioners Messrs. Prout & Capell be paid by the Society.

It was then resolved that at the same time that the next meeting of the directors be called, a meeting of the members ~~of the members~~ of the Society be called to elect Officers - after which the Board adjourned.

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The Committee to whom was referred the entire business connected with the Commissioners from the Colony, Messrs. Prout & Capell, consisting of Messrs. Howard, Wilson, Crane, King, Evans, Giles & Brune met this evening agreably to notice at 4 O'clock P.M. Messrs. Prout & Capell were also present & introduced to the Committee & presented their credential in form of the following document from the Governor of the Colony, S. F. McGill. -

"Colony of Maryland in Liberia: Be it known to all whom it doth concern, that the bearers Messrs. William A. Prout, & William Capell, citizens of Harper, Cape Palmas, having been duly elected by the people of the Colony of Maryland in Liberia, commissioners in the settlement of future relations between the Maryland State Colonization Society, & this Colony preparatory to its change of government;

I have in testimony thereof, hereunto officially subscribed my name, and affixed the Seal of the Colony this Second day of September Anno Domini, One thousand eight hundred & fifty three and of the Colony the twentieth."

Saml F. McGill
Governor of Md in Liberia

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After much conversation between the Committee &

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