with the Revd Mr. Seys & Dr. Hall were authorised to act as a Committee to consider whether a public meeting might not be held among the colored people in connection with the Commissioners, & that a hundred dollars be appropriated to this object provided the same be thought advisable by the Committee.

A letter from the Commissioners was then read in reference to a continuance of their salary while performing the duties of their mission, which was ordered to be allowed them.

It was then resolved that when the Commissioners shall have entered into the agreement proposed, the president call a meeting of the Board at which they are invited to be present.

Report of

The Committee to whom was referred the entire question connected with the adoption of the Constitution sent from the Colony & the arrangement of the future relation between this Society & Maryld in Liberia in conjunction with Messrs. Prout & Capel Commissioners from the Colony beg leave most respectfully to report

That after carefully examining the various Documents referred to them, and having conferred with Messrs. Capell & Prout the Commissioners of Maryld in Libia, your Committee have prepared & recommend the Board to adopt the Articles of Agreement, herewith subscribed, for the settlement of the future relations between the Society and the government & people of Maryld in Libia. The provisions of this agreement are taken from that which was executed in 1848, between the American Colonization Society and the Republic of Liberia, with such few alterations & modifications as seemed to your Committee advisable. – Of these it is deemed unnecessary here to speak in detail. – The increase in the quantity of lands to be given to future Emigrants has been made at the suggestion & to comply with the wishes of the commissioners. – A comparison of the proposed agreement now submitted, with that already mentioned between the Am. Col. Society and the Republic, which will be found printed in the Maryland Colonization Journal Vol 4 new Series page 256, (being No 16, for Oct 1848) will shew what modifications of the latter are recommended by the Committee, the reason for each of which they believe the Board will at once perceive.

The Constitution under which it is proposed to organize the Independent Government of Maryld in Libia, as a whole, and with a single exception, meets with the approbation of the Committee. Like all such Instruments, it has probably been in many points a compromise between conflicting

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