deem it unnecessary to take any notice of those subjects in the present Report, nor indeed are they prepared to make any recommendations in regard to them. — Before the Society send out any new expedition after the New Government shall have been established, it will be necessary to make full provision for the manner in which Emigrants are to be accommodated and supported, but at present, it is unnecessary, in their opinion, to take any action on the subject.

The Committee recommend the adoption of the Articles of Agreement and of the resolution herewith submitted, and that copies of the same be furnished to the Commissioners, and be also transmitted to Cape Palmas by the first opportunity. —

All which is respectfully submitted. —

Articles of Agreement referred to in the foregoing Report.

Whereas the People of Maryland in Liberia have represented to the Maryland State Colonization Society, that it is their desire, and that it will in their opinion, materially promote their welfare, to dissolve all political connexion with, or subordination to the said Society; and with that view have, with the full consent and approbation of the Society, formed for themselves a Constitution and form of Government, under which when the same shall have been finally ratified and adopted, they design to declare themselves a free, Sovereign & Independent State:

And Whereas the Maryland State Colonization Society, having in their establishment of the Colony at Cape Palmas, & in their Government of the same, been always desirous of improving the condition of the Free People of Colour of Maryland, by placing them in a position in which they would find no obstacles in the way of their advancement; and the Society, whilst recognizing with humble gratitude to the Giver of all good, in the present condition and future prospects of the People of Maryl^d in Liberia, the blessings which have thus far crowned their labours, do humbly trust that the change now proposed to be made in the relations between the Society and the People may still further advance

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