history and progress of Maryland in Liberia, the Maryland establishment in Africa.

The Act of 1852, ch. 202, having now expired by its own limitation, the future policy of the State in reference to Colonization is to be indicated by your Honorable Body. The State has now prepared an asylum to which her free colored population may resort; but many of these are of a class unable to realize from their own resources, the means of transporting themselves to a foreign clime. The State has always extended her helping hand to this description of people, whose separation from us, seemed to be called for not less by the interests of the citizens of the State, than by their own welfare. Through all the financial difficulties and embarrassments, which oppressed, and almost threatened to overwhelm the State in past years, the people of Maryland continued to give their support and sanction to an undeviating perseverance in this cause, and it is not doubted that an adherence to this now time-honored policy will still meet with their cordial approbation.

The number of Manumissions in this State, since the 1st of January, 1856, as reported to this Board, is 254 — of which 102 were to take effect immediately or after short terms, which have already expired, and 152 prospectively. The whole number of Manumissions reported since the

21st of March, 1832, has been 5.131, of which 1941 were immediate, and 3190 were conditional or prospective. The amount drawn by the State Managers from the Treasury since the 1st of January, 1856, and disbursed as before stated, under their supervision, thro' the instrumentality of the Maryland State Colonization Society, for the objects designated by the General Assembly, has been Fifteen Thousand Dollars.

Respectfully submitted,

Charles Howard,
Wm. F. Giles,
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Md. St. Colonization Office
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