The Colonists to the People of Color of the United States.

Cape Palmas, Octr. 11, 1834.

At a meeting of the inhabitants of Maryland in Liberia held this day to take into consideration subjects relative to its future welfare, Jacob Gross was called to the chair and Wm. Polk appointed Secretary — After some deliberation it was resolved, that a committee of five persons be chosen to make a report of the present situation of this colony and its future prospects, to be addressed to the people of colour in the state of Maryland in the U. States of America: whereupon Jacob Gross, Wm. Polk, Chas. Scottland, Anthony Wood and Thos. Jackson were elected to constitute said committee, and were requested to lay their report before a meeting of the citizens to be held on Saturday the 25th instant.

At an adjourned meeting held on the 25th Octr. to hear the report of the committee appointed on the 11th inst. Wm. Caffell was called to the chair, and Wm. Polk appointed Secretary — All the members of the colony were present excepting two who were indisposed and unable to attend — The Report was then read as follows:—

To the People of colour in Maryland, U.S. America

Dear Brethren,—

Agreeable to a resolution of our fellow citizens herewith enclosed, we now endeavour to lay before you a fair and impartial statement of the actual situation of this colony, of our advantages and prospects, both temporal and spiritual.

We are aware of the great difference of opinion which exists in America with respect to Colonization. We are aware of the fierce contention between its advocates and opposers; and we are of opinion that this contention among the well meaning is based principally upon the various and contradictory accounts concerning this country and its

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A. Letter Books

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