The proceedings of this meeting with the names of Officers and Managers, will at an early day be sent to Doct. Briscoe to be laid before the Board of Managers. Among other important matter will be found, a resolution adopted unanimously by the meeting, relating to the colonization of the community of St Mary's, many, perhaps a majority of whom are Roman Catholics.

As far as I could judge from observation, and a subsequent conversation with the Roman Catholic clergyman, the obstacles which have hitherto obstructed the Colonization cause at St Marys, are thus happily removed: and if your agent should not at once succeed in obtaining emigrants, who belong to the Catholic Church, there can be no doubt but that the members of that communion will assist the enterprise by the contributions of their friends.

Having failed in the effort to address the free Coloured population, I could not form an opinion as to their character, condition or prejudices. But was informed by very intelligent gentlemen, that they are ignorant, degraded, and worthless beyond most of that class of our population. Their indolence is fostered by the comparative ease with which they gain a poor subsistence by resorting to fishing and tolling oysters. In this way fish and oysters are their food and whiskey their drink. Such emigrants, if they could be obtained, would be rather a curse than a blessing. I have reason to think that a very intelligent Coloured man, named Smith, and three young females, who are to be married for that purpose, will go out in the fall expenditure.

On leaving St. Marys after the meeting at Leonardtown, I went down

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