practice is aying away, and that scenes like this when the Colony was first settled were of quite frequent occurrance. And that Doct. Hall the former Governor & founder of the Colony had rescued several miserable victims who were doomed to drink this mortal poison, as well also as the Rev S. L. Wilson Presbyterian Missionary resident here. It is therefore beyond doubt that before the light of civilization the dark practices of the native must recede.

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Celebration of the third anniversary of the Colony of Maryland in Liberia. On the 22nd February 1837 pursuant to previous arrangement of the Agent & Council at sun rise three large guns were fired, and at noon thirteen, the original number of the United States and at sun set one. The principal officers of the Colony civil and military met at the Agency house at 10 o'clock, and forming in procession marched off escorted by Latrobe's artillery under command of Lieut Benjamin Johnson to the Methodist Chapel in the following order, Orator, Agent & Vice Agent, Counsellors, High Sheriff, Colonial Secretary, acting Physician, clergy and others in citizens dress — where a very appropriate & eloquent discourse was delivered by the Rev Francis Burns Missionary of the Methodist Episcopal Church, followed by the Rev Squire Chase Missionary of the same Church; who had lately visited the Colony to reconnoitre the Missionary field in Africa with the intention of returning to America for his family. Mr Chase though labouring under the enervating effects of the fever, was never the less energetic. His remarks were well timed & to the point. With the solemnity and dignity of a man of God; yet with the pathos and diction of an orator he endeavoured to lead the minds of the Colonists to a grateful recollection of the guidance and protection of that God, "From whom comes every good and perfect gift"; who had led them across the great Atlantic by the hand of a Moses and had "given them rest in a goodly land" — and now that they were in the enjoyment of those privileges civil and religious of a free people in the land too of their forefathers; he admonished all to "take diligent heed to the law of God, and to fear him and to walk in all his ways & commandments"

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