Frederick Town, Augt. 22nd 1837

Sir:

I am called to notice a respectable meeting assembled in the German Reformed Church on Monday night, the 3rd day of Augt. for the purpose of forming a Colonization Society; Fredk. A. Schley Esqr. was appointed Chairman, & I was deputed Secy. Mr. Howard the Agt. of the State Soc., addressed the meeting in an animated address, followed by the Chairman in his usual impressive style – a committee of three having been previously appointed to draft a Constitution, now submitted the same to the meeting – which was read & adopted

Constitution

Art. 1 This Society shall be called the Frederick Co. Col. Soc.

" 2 The object to which its influence and funds shall be exclusively devoted, is the colonization of the free people of colour of Maryland, and such as may hereafter become free

" 3 The Officers of this Society shall be a President, three Vice Presidts. for Frederick and one for each of the election districts of the County; a corresponding and a Recording Secretary, a Treasurer and Six Managers for each election district of the County, the first named managers for the district respectively, shall be Vice Presidts. of the County Society, and Presidts. of the committee for the district, all the Officers of the Society, together with the Rev. Clergy residing in Frederick County, shall be ex officio members of the board of managers, Five members shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business

" 4 The President or in his absence either of the Vice Prests. shall preside at all meetings of the Society, and of the board, and in their absence the chair shall be filled by a senior member of the board of managers

5 The Corresponding Secy. shall conduct the Society's correspondence, The Recording Secy. shall keep and preserve a record of the doings of the Society, provid

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To
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August 19th 1839

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