Hereford, Balti. County, May 20/41

At a meeting of the citizens of Hereford Village and its vicinity, held at the Academy, Rev. Mr. Kennard, Agent of the Maryland Colonization Society being present, invited Rev. John Bear to open the meeting with prayer; - after which, on motion of Dr. T. C. Orrick, Rev. Mr. Bear was appointed Chairman, and John Beale Secretary. - Rev. Mr. Kennard then addressed the meeting on the subject of African Colonization. His preliminary remarks had reference chiefly to the contemplated State Convention to be held in the city of Baltimore, June 3rd 1841. This convention was shown to be a most important one to this country, and to the State of Maryland at this time especially. The lecturer then laid down several important propositions, and ably sustained them by a mass of statistics of this nation for a period of fifty years past; - and of historical facts bearing on his subject. - He then concluded the immense importance of the Colonization scheme, to this State and Nation, to the elevation and improvement of Africa in civilization and Christianity - its importance to the civilized and christian world. - At the conclusion of his address, it was -

Resolved; - "That is expedient to send delegates to the contemplated State Convention."

The following gentlemen were then elected delegates, in accordance with the Resolution. -

T. T. Gorsuch Esq. Hereford
W. Rowe, Dr. T. C. Orrick, do —
John H. Rowe, C. Gorsuch, do —
Ephraim Cox, C. Parsons, do —
Philip Pearce, N. R. Merryman do —
William Matthews, Middletown.

Mr. Matthews was not present when the gentlemen here named were elected, but he was subsequently elected at a subsequent meeting held at the Middletown Academy. Mr. Matthews was also elected a delegate to the Convention. Mr. Kennard left Hereford on Sunday morning, 23rd inst. for Baltimore.

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