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For the Col. Journal.

A few thoughts on Colonization, expository and explanatory of the scheme in Md., objections to which are answered, and its practicability vindicated; with tables, shewing the decrease and increase of the Slave and Free Col'd population, compiled from the censuses since 1790; and a review of the commerce, and agriculture of the colonies in Africa.

Mr. Editor. I propose, in this, and in a few successive numbers of your valuable journal, to lay before the people of Md., some reasons why the Md. St. Col. Society, should, at this period, receive a more enlarged support, and more liberal encouragement than heretofore, from the ~~people of Md.~~ friends of Colonization. From what it has already done, and what it is still capable of doing in providing a home for our free col'd people, and at the same time enhancing the commerce of this country, perhaps no more eligible opportunity could be ~~afforded~~ availed, than the present, to discriminate information upon, and discuss, a subject, involving principles which not only invite, but challenge the sympathy and regard of every man, whose heart is in the right place; and to whose patronage and support no scheme of justice and philanthropy addresses stronger claims. The time for a more enlarged emigration to our colony in Africa has arrived, and the occasion, now presents itself of demonstrating the practicability of the Col. scheme; of defining its position; explaining its purposes; and answering the objections which some — the majority of whom, doubtless for want of proper information, have urged against it. We shall submit a plain and unadorned statement of facts, convincing to the judgement of every man, not morally blind, or wilfully dubious, shewing that Maryland, without it, for the past 15 years, would have endured the infliction of an evil, in its nature and extent almost irreparable; whilst with it, she has just verged on to the true policy, and only safe one, of providing an outlet for our increasing coloured population, to a more congenial home, favoured with laws better adapted to their wants; where they can "live, move, and have their being" without let or hindrance from the white man; where they can worship God according to the dictates of their own consciences — a boon happily vouchsafed them here, whilst that of making their own laws is

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