

for the first Prot. Episcopal diocese in Liberia.

So far, the mode of proceeding, has been this - when it appeared that there was a reasonable prospect of succeeding in gathering a congregation, and building a Prot. Epis church at Cape Palmas, a meeting of those friendly to these objects, was called. At this, articles of association were prepared & accepted; a Building Committee, consisting of Geo Ruxsumun, Dr Mc Gill & James B. Dennis, was appointed to erect a Church at a cost not exceeding \$3000. with such funds as should be placed at their disposal. When the building should be completed it was resolved, that a meeting of the congregation should be called, who (i.e. the male freeholders & members) should elect the usual number of vestrymen & wardens, to whom the Building Committee should then convey the Church, "to be taken by them for the freeholders & members of the congregation, & held forever in trust, to be used for the worship of Almighty God, according to the forms & discipline of the Prot. Epis. Church in the U. S. of America."

When, <sup>however</sup> the congregation shall have been thus organized and established, they will still labor under a serious disadvantage, to which, it is the object of this letter to call your attention. According to the "Laws of Maryland in Liberia" as set forth in 1847 I find no provision made for the incorporation of

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II. Correspondence Received  
A. Letter Books

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