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Whereas the cause of Truth, Humanity and Religion requires the extension and perpetuity of the Christian settlements that have under the direction of Divine Providence, been formed on the Western coast of Africa, which settlements we believe are designed by Heaven to be the honored instruments of effecting the evangelization and civilization of this benighted continent; – and whereas our sister State, Maryland in Liberia, is in a most perilous condition, in consequence of the sad realities of an unsuccessful warfare against fearful odds: their small number has been greatly reduced; their means of defense are very limited, and their ordinary supplies cut off to a great extent, and their savage foes, by late disasters attending the American Liberian arms, are greatly emboldened, and, with their overwhelming numbers, may fall upon that infant State and destroy it: And as the people of the State of Maryland, in their extremity, have appealed to the Republic of Liberia for assistance; therefore,

In the name of Humanity, of Religion, and of our God, though embarrassed by recent difficulties ourselves, we feel willing to extend the helping hand, and rely upon Jehovah, and the friends of humanity to sustain us in our feeble efforts to avert the blow aimed to destroy our sister State; therefore,

It is Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Republic of Liberia in Legislature assembled, –

Sec. 1. That the President be, and he is hereby authorized and requested, for the relief of the State of Maryland in Liberia,

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II. Correspondence Received
A. Letter Books

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