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# "Union is strength."

Whereas it was contemplated by the several Colonization Societies under whose auspices colonies or settlements were established on the Western Coast of Africa, that eventually these colonies or settlements would form one Great Christian State; and whereas the people of the State of Maryland in Liberia, originally a Colony under the auspices of the Maryland Colonization Society in the United States, but now an independent State, having dissolved its political relations with said Colonization Society—feeling deeply impressed with the necessity of uniting the said State of Maryland in Liberia to the Republic of Liberia, which measure is unquestionably important to the interests of both Governments, but more especially to the future protection, happiness and prosperity of the people of the State of Maryland in Liberia;—and whereas the people of the State of Maryland in Liberia have carefully considered the subject of annexation to the Republic of Liberia in all its bearings; and having upon mature reflection determined that their best interests demand that immediate application be made for admission as a member of the Republic; and whereas after full discussion of the subject by the people, as to whether admission should be sought as a State after the mode of the United States, or as a County on the footing of the Counties now composing the Republic of Liberia, it was deemed advisable, for many reasons, that County annexation is more desirable. Whereupon the people of the State of Maryland in Liberia, acting upon their Constitutional rights, did petition the General Assembly of the said State of Maryland

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II. Correspondence Received
A. Letter Books

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