the State, and also involve the safety and happiness of the people - that annexation should not be delayed for these preliminaries.

But having full faith in the justice and magnanimity of the Government of the Republic, and of the people of that Commonwealth, we at once dissolve the Government of the State of Maryland in Liberia, and throw ourselves into the arms of the Republic.

The undersigned being sustained in this impression by the mass of the people of this State, prepare to surrender into the hands of the Commissioner of the Republic, all and every thing pertaining to the sovereignty of the State.

The undersigned, however, beg leave to submit

1st. That the territory now composing the State of Maryland in Liberia shall be known as the County of Cape Palmas.

2nd. That, in addition to two Senators provided by the constitution of the Republic for each county, the aforesaid County of Cape Palmas shall have at least three members to represent her in the lower branch of the Legislature of the Republic; and in all other respects shall enjoy all the privileges and immunities awarded to other counties of the Republic.

3d. That the stipulations entered into between the State of Maryland in Liberia and the Maryland State Colonization Society, concluded the 22nd day of February, 1857, shall remain unimpaired.

4th. That all contracts and claims now existing shall be equally binding as if no change had taken place in this Government. And all such actions, and prosecutions now pending shall be

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A. Letter Books

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