the idea is gaining ground here, and I trust will, before long be carried out by the missionary societies in the United States.

The Board expected that a citizen of the colony would have returned in the Globe - inasmuch as the intercourse that is established by that means between the colony and the colored people, is considered highly advantageous. Perhaps it may still be time to send one to the United States, who can, after staying a few months, return in the November expedition.

The gratification expressed by you in regard to the support that the Board has given to you in your government is most agreeable to them, as it promises a continuance of the relations that have for upwards of five years subsisted with you.

From all that can be learned at this time, the difficulty heretofore found in procuring emigrants has been in a great degree overcome, and it is hoped that an expedition, at least as large as that by the Globe will be in readiness to sail from Baltimore in November and it will be well that you make preparations accordingly.

At the session of the Legislature of this State which terminated on the 10th of March last, the usual effort was made to deprive the Society of the annual appropriation, and much anxiety was caused thereby, especially as the hampered condition of the Treasury was a plea that had hitherto not existed. The result, however, was the exhibition of a feeling in favor of the cause, and the Society, that was very gratifying. The effort wholly and signally failed. The trust that the returning prosperity of the country - and we think we have passed the crisis, will enable us to carry out many of the plans of improvement at Cape Palmas that were formerly suggested. Such accounts as your last despatches contained certainly encourage us to renewed efforts. In the season that has passed, however, our necessities here seem to have stimulated our colonists in Africa - and in the prosperity of the Colony we recognise a self-reliance and ability on the part of its citizens most honorable and praiseworthy.

I have often, in former communications, pressed upon you the importance of extending the territory of the Society to windward and leward and the Board are desirous that this should not be lost sight of.



Energy and activity may effect something in this respect, even though our circumstances are straightened.

You are well aware that a multiplication of officers, at salaries, in a small community, is never advisable; and although without knowledge to the contrary, and confiding in you as we do, we take it for granted that your appointment of secretary, as a salaried officer, as you advise in your last, was necessary, yet the Board regretted that it was so - having entertained the hope, that a copyist might have been obtained, at a small compensation, who would have done the necessary drudgery of the office, while the officer would have been contented with the place, thus made almost a sinecure, without a salary.

Dr Hall our excellent and efficient agent, will attend to the suggestions made by you in regard to articles required for the colony and will write you fully and in detail by the present opportunity.

You will see, in the last annual report, the view taken by the Board of the importance of the treaty of Washington to the interests of Colonization, and the Board are satisfied that you will do all in your power to make friends to the colony of the officers who visit you. This you have already done in every instance so far as we have heard: as we do not consider the offence of the Vandalia to have proceeded from any ill-will on the part of Capt Ramsay, but to have been the result of a want of correct information. We are in hopes that the experience of a season of cruizing on the coast will satisfy our government here that Cape Palmas and not Cape Verd Islands should be the place of rendezvous and the Naval Depot. Representations to this effect have already been made in proper quarters.

Not the least gratifying fact mentioned in your despatches was the prospect you had of putting up a light house on the Cape. We hope you may be successful. Done without aid from the Society it will be all the more creditable to the Colony.

I have thus, dear sir, noticed the subjects of interest occurring to me at this time - and expressing to you on behalf of the Board, to whom this communication has been submitted their satisfaction with your administration of their affairs, I beg you to believe me most truly your friend

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