majority of the manumitted slaves in order to leave the state, they (the Board) have this day retained the Sheriff of Charles County of this fact, who will proceed in the case as the law directs. — The law is imperative — (see Laws of 1832 & 33. chapter 148). —

The Board of managers of the state colonization society, to whom the management of the colony & its affairs properly belong, have had ~~the under~~ the people & their situation & all under serious consideration — from the time that they should be sent to the colony has been fairly & fully explained to them: & it is but justice to the Board that I should state, that although they are extremely anxious to promote the welfare of poor manumitted slaves, & most consistently & ~~al~~ religiously believe, that emigration to this ~~[illegible]~~ colony ~~or expatriation~~ ~~[illegible]~~ colony is well be the means of making them independent & happy, they cannot consent ~~to receive them~~ unless they are properly willing to go. — upon this principle they have always acted, & cannot depart from it — they have therefore resolved that this society will not transport to africa any of the ~~colored~~ persons so recently manumitted by

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