

Maryland Colonization Rooms
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of the Maryland St. Col Socy
Gentlemen,

By the will of the late Sarah
Dorsey of Anne Arundel, twenty two of his
servants were manumitted on condition of their
consenting to emigrate to Liberia, with a
bequest of 20 dollars each to assist them in
beginning the world in their adopted country.
At least one half of these persons, are rumors
and incapable of making an election
in a matter of the deepest interest to their
future welfare; others are intermarried with
husbands and wives who are slaves who
cannot accompany them, even if they were
disposed. As the President friendly to
his trip to the Springs requested me to
visit these negroes and instruct them in
relation to the advantages of emigrating
to our colony, at Cape Palmas, I embraced
the earliest opportunity of doing so with
out incurring the charge of office expenses
by the parties most intimately concerned;
and in view of making the deepest im-
pression on their minds, I took with me,
Mr O. Holmes, who, with myself spent
two or three hours in conversation with
the servants assembled in the yard
of the manumission house lately occupied by
Mrs Dorsey. I thought them an intelli-
gent well bred class of colored people
and have no doubt they would make

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