

Colonization Rooms.
10th Oct 1837

Gentlemen,

Having recently had occasion to visit Annapolis on business of the Society, and knowing that the Board needed some information in regard to the State's appropriation for "colonizing the free people of color in the Coast of Africa", I gladly availed myself of so favourable an opportunity to converse freely with the Treasurer of the State, Mr Mackubin, from whom I derived the following facts, which are now submitted for your consideration.

Mr Mackubin stated, that the amount of tax levied by the General Assembly, has, at no time exceeded \$10,000, which is now annually collected with much difficulty, he having frequently to sue the collectors to make them do their duty. That it would be very unwise on the part of the Board to draw on the treasury for a larger amount than the tax, as this would compel him to borrow money on interest to meet the drafts, a measure which would in all probability bring the subject immediately before the Legislature, and probably lead to a repeal of the act that provided the Board can give their drafts to the amount of the appropriation, it is not probable the Legislature will at any future period inter-fer with the subject.

But if in the judgement of the Board a larger sum than \$10,000 annually is necessary to the efficient management of the

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