

Board superior theoretical knowledge, he would consider himself unworthy of his office if he had not already revealed himself of superior practical information. It is upon his experience therefore that he would, modestly and diffidently, but confidently, as regards to his own judgment present to the Board some thoughts which appear to involve plans that if adopted may put a new aspect on the entire state of things.

The agent has ever been of the opinion that the chief cause of partial failure in the operations of the Society is to be ascribed to a deficiency in the number of agents employed in conducting the plans of the Society. The situation of the Maryland State Colonization Society is widely different from the American or any other Society in this Country. In no other instance has the State provided the necessary funds to make the experiment on a respectable footing. In other Societies they have always had a greater number of emigrants ready for the Colony than they have proposed funds to remove. They were of course dependant for their success in removing their emigrants to the amount of benevolent contributions. These agents also had to rely upon the same resources for their support, and other made it impracticable to increase their number beyond

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