

a great extent. But in the case of the Maryland State Colonization Society, there are more funds than can be profitably used in transporting the number of emigrants obtained. What then is the obvious duty of the society, but to employ at the expense of the state a sufficient number of laborers, qualified agents to travel extensively thro' every part of the state organize societies, instruct the entire population in the great design of Colonization, and awaken a general interest in the minds of the people, who are at present to a great extent ignorant of the whole matter. I am fully convinced that this plan is by far better calculated to secure legislative aid and perpetuate the present appropriations than the slow motioned and inefficient plan heretofore adopted. It must be clear to every reflecting mind that the system here before proposed by the Society of sending their agent to spend the winter at Annapolis to watch the movements of the Legislature was well calculated to bring their measures into disrepute, and whatever the Board may think of the course alluded to I have the most positive assurance that no good has resulted to the cause by the labours of their agent at Annapolis.

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IV. Miscellaneous Letters and Minutes

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