It would be highly gratifying, Brethren, could we make you sensible of the great responsibility which, in our opinion, rests upon you, in view of this momentous subject. We are confident that it is with you to determine whether Colonization in Md. shall succeed or fail. It is not designed, of course, to speak divine agency. God will accomplish his purposes. But God works by means, and so far as circumstances now exist the statement is emphatically true. If you say Colonization in Md. shall succeed, success will follow; if you determine otherwise, ~~the cause will cease~~ ~~Province it will be~~ it will cease for a considerable time yet to come. The only human agencies now found to exist, which can carry forward Colonization to a speedy and triumphant accomplishment, are within the sphere of your operations.

Permit us, then, Dr Brethren, to solicit your attention to a grave consideration of this subject, to request the approbation of the Conference ~~of the Scheme~~, and your co-operation as a body and as individuals for its accomplishment. It is respectfully submitted whether resolutions of the Conference based and published as the action of the Conference, commending Colonization to the favorable consideration of the ministers, preachers, & members of the Church, and requesting them to promote its interests by all proper means, would not be productive of much good.

It is specially desirable and important to the success of the cause that our Brethren of the ~~city~~ Eastern Shore assist in forwarding emigrants for Liberia. It is also ~~desirable~~ that on or about the 4th of July the Ministers & Preachers belonging to the Conference (and whose Circuits & stations are within the limits of said Shore) should bring this subject before their respective congregations, and take up a collection in aid of the funds of the Md. State Colonization Society.

Provision is made both at home and in Africa for sending out, and for the comfortable accommodation in Africa of two hundred emigrants during the current year, and it is sincerely hoped that that number will emigrate. Two expeditions are expected to leave this port, one on or about the 1st of May, and one on the 1st of Nov. in each of which it is designed to forward one hundred emigrants. We presume there will be appointed by the Conference at least twenty four ministers and preachers, whose fields of labour will be in whole or in part within the limits of Maryland. Should each of these brethren bring one family only, they would amount in the aggregate to at least one hundred, or one half the whole number of emigrants required for the present year. ~~It is hoped that~~ This plan ~~will~~ be adopted, and ~~that~~ so soon as emigrants consent to go, ~~we shall~~ let us be notified of the fact by letter, "Directed to Rev. Ira A. Easter, home agt. Md. Office Baltimore.

Now ~~have~~ placed on the table of the Secretary the documents published by ~~our Society~~ the Md. State Col. Soc, that ~~Brethren~~ members of the Conference may, at once, become possessed of the information necessary to a correct understanding of this subject, and respectfully tender our ~~willingness~~ ~~readiness~~ readiness to supply each member of the Conference with all additional information as received and published, provided brethren furnish their names, and the Post office to which they will have these documents and papers forwarded.

Praying &c &c

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