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To the Editor of the Village Herald.

Sir. In the Herald of the 5th of September instant, there is an article addressed "to the Candidates for the general assembly," headed "Colonization Tax", the writer of which, although warm in the expression of his opinions, and using at times severe language, appears evidently to have the good of the State at heart, and particularly that part of it, of which his residence & experience enable him to speak from his own knowledge. It seems, however, that he has fallen into some mistakes, which the use of your columns is respectfully solicited to correct. The present communication is not by any means intended to be controversial: on the contrary, the writer of it has little doubt, that ~~you are~~ the author of the address to the Candidates for the Legislature will be as well satisfied as any one else with any statements going to shew that those interested with the Colonization scheme, as connected with Maryland, are doing their duty in good faith, and with good results.

When the Colonization Law of 1831 was passed, the ~~horrid~~ deplorable scene of the Southampton insurrection was fresh in the minds of all men, and brought to a head ~~that~~ the feeling, which had been long growing in Maryland, that the true interest of the State lay in removing ~~as fast as practicable~~ the free colored population and such slaves as might be manumitted by their owners. In the law of 1831, two leading ~~features~~ principles were recognized - First, that no slave should be manumitted to remain in the State, and Second, that no free colored person, or slave, should immigrate or be brought into the State. But the law made an exception to the first of these rules, by providing that colored persons manumitted by their owners might remain, on obtaining from the judges of the orphans court certificates to that effect, which were to be granted on proof of their industrious & exemplary good character for the applicant - and subsequent legislation made exceptions to the second rule by special acts, authorizing the

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