State appropriation, ~~in the early part of the season~~ the services as Agent of Mr. Robert S. Finley, well known throughout the Union as an enthusiast in the holy cause of Colonization; and when deprived by his domestic engagements of the aid of that gentleman, they were equally fortunate in procuring that of the Rev. Wm. McKenney, a native of the Eastern Shore, who has likewise devoted abilities of a high order to the welfare and improvement of a most interesting portion of mankind.- These gentlemen were accredited to those Districts of the State which the advanced season of their appointments permitted them to visit, and have been highly successful in forming Societies auxiliary to this, and in exciting the favourable attention both of the white and coloured population to the subject of voluntary emigration by the latter.—

In accordance with a custom, which there is every reason to hope will be corroborated by time, the great National festival has again been, ~~by~~ request, consecrated by the Ministers of Religion in various parts of the State to the communication of the blessings we ourselves so peculiarly enjoy to the afflicted children of a benighted land; and the Board have the happiness to acknowledge important pecuniary aid collected through the pious exertions of the Clergy on that day.- Services of this nature cannot be too gratefully confessed, or earnestly solicited; - nor can we conceive a more appropriate celebration of the anniversary of our national birth.— Surely if there be a work worthy of our political Sabbath, it is to rouse the African from a torpid and depressed existence here, and send him as the herald of Civilization, freedom and Religious Truth to a people that sittest in darkness

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