manumitted expressly for this purpose. The character of the individuals who compose the expedition promises the happiest results both to the colony & to themselves.

The number of manumissions reported to the Board in 1832 was four hundred & fifty three, & in 1833 three hundred & seventeen, a large proportion of which were prospective. For 1834 the number has been officially reported to the Board 132.. in addition to which 26 of the emigrants by the Bowne were manumitted by their owners, but the records have not yet been received by the Board. Of the whole No. thus manumitted in 1834. viz: 158, the freedom of upwards of one half is prospective. —

The amount drawn from the Treasury by this Board since their last report is Four Thousand ——— dollars. In the act of December session 1831, by which the monies were appropriated for this object, the first year's disbursements were limited to twenty thousand dollars, & no further limitation in that respect was imposed. It will be observed that the sums heretofore expended are much below what the Legislature seem to have anticipated. This Board have endeavoured to confine their expenditures to what was indispensable; & if they have thus far effected all that Maryland could expect within so short a time, at so much less than the contemplated cost, they trust it will be accepted as an earnest of their future economy & discretion. The enterprise in which they have the honour to be employed, & to

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