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To the Hon. The General Assembly of Maryland.

The Managers appointed under the provisions of the Act of Decem. Sesion 1832 entitled "an act relating to the people of Colour of this state" respectfully submit their annual Report.

The several Reports which have been heretofore made, have fully explained to the Hon. The General Assembly of the State the course which the managers had by the most careful deliberation, and by experience gained during the first year of their appointment, been led to adopt. It has been shown, that they had become satisfied that they could best carry into effect, the wise and benevolent designs of the Legislature, by promoting the successful establishment upon the coast of Africa, of an independent Colony, under the auspices and government of the "Maryland State Colonization Society", a body from among whom the state managers are required to be selected by the terms of the act under which they hold their appointment. The events of every succesive year, have confirmed their conviction, of the propriety of the course they have pursued. The settlement at Cape Palmas is now thriving and prosperous, and already offers to the free coloured population of Maryland a home to which they may fearlessly repair, in the confidence, that the same exertions which are required here to gain for them the means of existence, will there establish them in

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