Resolved, That the Board of Managers be requested to cause their local agent, as far as consistent with the preparation of their expedition, to travel during the ensuing year, through the different counties of the State, for the purpose of holding meetings, and imparting particular and detailed information, in relation to the plan and operations of the State Society, and the situation of the colony of Maryland in Liberia.

On motion of Col. CHAPMAN, of Charles county, President of the Senate, supported by judicious and eloquent remarks upon the importance of the measure, the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That it be earnestly enjoined on the friends of colonization, in the several counties of the State, to form auxiliary societies, with a view of disseminating information on the subject, and aiding in the collection of funds for the use of the Institution.

Col. ELY, of Baltimore county, in seconding Col. Chapman's resolution, dwelt forcibly upon the necessity of spreading information upon the object of the Society, among the people of the State, and urged upon the Board of Managers the importance of carrying the resolution into immediate effect.

On motion of GEORGE KEYSER, Esq. of Baltimore city, accompanied by appropriate and interesting remarks, the following resolution was then adopted:

Resolved, That the Reverend Clergy be earnestly requested to take up annual contributions, for the use of the Society, within the limits of the State, on or about the ensuing 4th of July; and that the Board of Managers direct circulars to them to that effect.

On motion of J. H. B. LATROBE, Esq. the following resolution was adopted.—In offering it, Mr. Latrobe took occasion to remark upon the labours of the Society at Washington, as having demonstrated the practicability of establishing colonies of coloured people, from the United States, on the coast of Africa, thus facilitating the operations of the important system of independent State action on the subject.

Resolved, That this Society entertain a high consideration for the labours of the American Colonization Society, which has demonstrated the practicability of establishing colonies of coloured people, from the United States, on the coast of Africa; thus putting it in the power of the several States, to pursue vigorously and efficiently the system of colonization.

On motion *Resolved*, That the thanks of this Society be respectfully tendered to Senate of the State, for the use of their chamber for the present meeting.

The meeting then adjourned *sine die*.

BENJAMIN C. HOWARD, President.

JOHN H. B. LATROBE, Corresponding Secretary.
EDWARD F. CARTER, Assistant Secretary.

THIRD ANNUAL REPORT

Of the Board of Managers to the Maryland Colonization Society and the Public.

AT the date of their last Annual Report, the Board of Managers were busily engaged in preparing to send an expedition to the Liberian coast of Africa, to purchase territory and establish a colony at Cape Palmas, for the reception, exclusively, of emigrants from Maryland, and under the sole management and control of the State Society. The reasons for this independent action were so fully detailed in the last report of the Board, that it is deemed unnecessary to recapitulate them at this time. Suffice it to say, that the experience of the past year has forcibly shown the wisdom of the system adopted by the State Society. Upon its success, the Board of Managers believe, now depends, in a great degree, the present efficient operation of the grand scheme of African colonization. Maryland, through her State Society, is about trying the important experiment, whether, by means of colonies on the coast of Africa, slave-holding states may become free states. For this purpose was the idea of colonization first promulgated; and for this purpose has there been that expenditure of life and money which has resulted in demonstrating the practicability of founding settlements, in their father land, of the colored people of the United States. If Maryland, with so many circumstances operating in her favor—with a colored population that does not increase,—with a prevailing sentiment among her citizens adverse to the perpetuation of slavery within her borders,—with legislative action lending its powerful and efficient aid,—if Maryland, thus situated, cannot succeed in the experiment, other states may well despair, and the friends of the cause throughout the land may

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