cuniary aid. They appeal to all the friends of freedom in this wide country. They have surmounted the most difficult part of their undertaking; let them not be stayed in their course for the want of means to move forward, when every thing invites them to advance.

For the reasons mentioned in Dr. Hall's despatch, the Board have determined to procure a coin for the colony, and the subject is now in charge of a committee to report a device and to fix the standard. A correspondence on the subject has also been invited with the Board of the American Colonization Society, so that uniformity in the Liberian currency may be secured.

The Board have likewise addressed the Society at Washington, with the view of adopting measures to procure from the maritime powers of the world, exemption from capture, in case of war, of vessels on their way with emigrants or supplies to the settlements on the Liberian coast—and for a certain time after having discharged their cargoes. The importance of this measure will be at once appreciated; nor can there be much difficulty in carrying it into effect. All the nations which will be applied to, have leagued against the slave trade, and can have no objection to giving protection to the best means of suppressing it—the colonies on the coast where it has been carried on.

The Board having received from Dr. Hall, maps of the country in the neighborhood of the territory owned by the Society, and of the town that he had laid out, have named the prominent objects, streets, &c. after those individuals who have distinguished themselves in the cause in this state, so as to connect Maryland in Liberia, by association, still closer with its parent on this side of the Atlantic.

The relations of the Board with the American Colonization Society are, it is believed, of the most friendly character. Although the State Society acts independently, yet the community of purpose between the two institutions must ever unite them in a boud which it would be difficult to break, and which the Maryland Society should be the last to wish to see weakened. It is to the disinterested labors of the philanthropic members of the American Board that the State Society is indebted for the confidence which has led them to

send forth a little band of emigrants to gain another foot-hold on the Liberian coast, to erect there a beacon, glorious alike to the sight of the native and the emigrant African, as it speaks to the one the language of civilization and the gospel, and calls unto the other to come unto his father's home.

The Board propose to despatch at least two expeditions during the coming year—one in May, and the other in October. Each will convey about one hundred emigrants. To accomplish this work, much assistance will be required, and the Board reiterate their calls upon their friends in this State and throughout the country, for prompt and efficient aid and co-operation.

By order of the Board,

BENJ. C. HOWARD, *Pres't.*

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