

annual meeting of the society at Washington would never again intrude themselves, was not to be supposed; on the contrary, there was every reason to believe, from the very constitution of the society itself, acting as it did, for states and persons so widely variant in their opinions, that the contest, as to what ought to be the object and plans of the society, in relation to slavery, once commenced, would ever be renewed, until north and south, in angry suspicion of each other, would both withdraw their support from an institution, which neither would consent that the other should govern. Even if this result were not probable, it was possible; and the Board of Managers, acting with a view to second the intentions of the state, exemplified in her legislation upon the subject, felt themselves called upon to provide for any emergency of the kind, if it should occur; and they found in the Maryland system of colonization all the advantages of the general scheme without any of those defects, which seemed to menace with difficulties, if not destruction, the more extended system of operations of the society at Washington. Herself a slaveholding state, Maryland was known to be as jealous as any state south of the Potomac, of extraneous interference with her domestic policy upon the subject of slavery. While, therefore, she was determined to repudiate all attempts to force abolition upon her, she was not likely to interfere with her southern neighbors; and to this feeling, which is common to all her citizens, may be, in a great degree, attributed that system which was here first originated, and afterwards adopted by the Board of Managers, as their rule of action." *

Number of Manumissions from the date of the passage of the act of December Session, 1831, 917.
Number of Emigrants sent by the State Society, viz:

By the Orion, sailed	to Monrovia, 31 free,	31
" Lafayette, " 9th Dec. 1832,	" 57 free,	} 146
	89 manumitted.	
" Ann, " 28th Nov. 1833, C. Palmas,	9 free,	} 18
	9 manumitted.	
" Bourne, " 14th Dec. 1834, "	32 free,	} 58
	26 manumitted.	
Sent to Hayti,		29
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* See Address of October, 1833.

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