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Under 'An Act relating to the People of Colour in this State.'

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## *Proceedings of Annual Meeting at Annapolis.*

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AT the fourth annual meeting of the Maryland State Colonization Society, held in the senate chamber of the state house at Annapolis, on Friday, the 4th day of March, 1836, in the absence of the president,

The Hon. J. G. CHAPMAN, president of the senate, in the chair; and JOHN G. PROUD, Esq. of the city of Baltimore, secretary, pro tem.

The meeting was opened with an address to the throne of grace by the Rev'd Mr. McILHENNY, of Annapolis.

After which, the secretary read to the meeting the fourth annual report of the board of managers, when,

On motion of Mr. MAYER, of Baltimore city, it was resolved, that the society approves the course pursued by the board of managers as exhibited in the fourth annual report; and that they be requested to have the report and accompanying documents published for general distribution.

On motion of Mr. LATROBE, corresponding secretary of the society, of Baltimore city,

*Resolved,* That the society views, in the success which has thus far attended the system of independent State action which they have adopted in reference to colonization, the best evidence of its wisdom, and attribute to it, in a great degree, the freedom of the State from the excitement which, during the past year, has agitated the country at large on the subject of slavery.

Mr. LATROBE accompanied the above resolution with an address to the society, in which he stated the reasons that had led to the separation of the Maryland State Society from the American Colonization Society, and the adoption, on the part of the former, of the principle of independent state action on the subject of colonization, and indeed, in reference to all matters connected with the question of slavery. Mr. Latrobe showed, satisfactorily, that the Maryland plan, if pursued throughout the Union, would certainly abate the excitement which the efforts of a few mad zealots at the north had produced; and that, in the prosecution of this plan, not only the wishes of the slave-holding States, but the views of the friends of colonization, and the true friends of Africa, and the African race, at the north, would be attained by means efficient, legal, and unobjectionable. Mr. Latrobe then detailed the evidences, which had come to his knowledge, of the approval of the Maryland plan, both at the north and the extreme south, and paid a just and well merited tribute to the State of Maryland, in which the system of independent State action had been originated, and which had done so much and so nobly in the prosecution of it. Mr. Latrobe then detailed the recent facts connected with the settlement at Cape Palmas, and described the country, the natives, and the condition of the colonists, in terms which, as they were fully justified by the intelligence from Africa, afforded the highest satisfaction to all who heard them. He concluded by anticipating the period when the system of independent State action would become general throughout the Union, and when the colony of Maryland in Liberia would become the noblest illustration of its wisdom, the hope of a mighty continent, and the refuge and the home of thousands upon thousands of the descendants of Africa.

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