An Ordinance to encourage the growth of Cotton in the colony of Maryland in Liberia, to provide a circulating medium for the same, and to promote the general welfare thereof.

Sec. 1. *Be it enacted and ordained*, by the Maryland State Colonization Society, that all taxes, fines, fees, debts, damages, costs, dues, sums of money, and demands whatever, payable within the bounds of the colony of Maryland in Liberia, by or to the Maryland State Colonization Society, its agents or factors, or any other person or persons whatever, or which shall be recovered, or attempted to be recovered, by any legal process within the said colony, shall be payable, at the choice of the party called on for payment, in good clean cotton, grown within the colony, at the rate of ten cents per pound; and good clean cotton, of the growth of the colony, is hereby declared a legal tender, within the said colony, at the rate of ten cents per pound.

Sec. 2. *And be it enacted and ordained*, That no cotton not grown within the colony, shall be a legal tender in any case whatever, whether for money, or on contracts payable in cotton, unless upon contracts stipulating for foreign cotton.

Sec. 3. *And be it enacted and ordained*, That with a view of settling all differences which may arise in reference to what shall be considered good clean cotton, of the growth of the colony, agreeably to the terms of this ordinance, there shall be annually appointed, by the governor of Maryland in Liberia, three discreet persons from among the colonists, in each county, to be called *Inspectors of cotton;* to any one of whom, all differences as to weight, quality, or origin, shall be referred, whose decision shall be conclusive: *Provided*, nevertheless, that either party who may consider him or herself aggrieved by the decision of such single inspector, may, within twenty-four hours after such decision, appeal to the three inspectors,—the decision of any two of whom, as to the weight, quality, or origin of the cotton submitted to them, shall be final and without appeal. Should a vacancy occur, from any cause, in the office of inspector of cotton, at any time between the annual appointment aforesaid, it shall be the duty of the said governor, forthwith to supply the same, until the next annual appointment. The same right of reference and appeal here given to individuals, shall be applicable to all cases where the government of the colony pays or receives cotton in payment.

Very late intelligence from Maryland in Liberia.

Capt. Lawlin, of the brig Susan Elizabeth, bears honourable testimony to the present prosperous condition of the Maryland colony at Cape Palmas. Hear him:—'The Maryland plan is superior to all others. The colony is growing finely. All is health, activity, and prosperity.'

By the same vessel, Dr. Hall, governor of the colony, writes:—'I am now able to assure you, that we continue to prosper, and I believe I may truly say, that every month of our existence witnesses an increase of energy, industry, and contentment, among the fine inhabitants of our little settlement.'

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