our cities, a nation has been planted on the coast of Africa, without one adverse circumstance having checked or marred its young existence; and growing in size, prosperity, and happiness it promises to become, under His protection, another beacon of civilization and the gospel.

JOHN H. B. LATROBE,

President of the Maryland State Colonization Society.

REPORT OF THE MANAGERS

OF THE

STATE COLONIZATION FUND,

FOR THE

REMOVAL OF THE FREE PEOPLE OF COLOUR;

TO THE

LEGISLATURE OF MARYLAND.

To his Excellency THOMAS W. VEAZEY,
Governor of Maryland:

The report of the Managers of the State Colonization fund, respectfully represents:—

That during the past year, the Managers have expended the annual appropriation committed to their charge, in the removal of the free people of colour from the state, to the Maryland colony at Cape Palmas, and in the preparation there, for the further emigration which it is expected will take place. The expenditure has been made through the agency of the Maryland State Colonization Society, the usefulness and efficiency of whose operations are fully proved by the thriving and prosperous condition of their settlement. Of this, the managers are satisfied, not only from the statements furnished by the State Colonization Society, but from the current testimony of numerous and impartial visitors.

The managers, in adopting a system to govern them in the expenditure of the annual appropriation to the object, deemed that they would best promote the views of the legislature and the interests of the state, by placing the colony at Cape Palmas on a safe and permanent foundation.

The act of Assembly under which the managers were appointed, authorizes them to provide a place on the coast of Africa for the reception of emigrants from Maryland, as well as to furnish the means for the transportation of such emigrants.

The managers took the colonization plan as the one which is to be made ultimately successful, through the voluntary emigration of the

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