APPENDIX.

At a meeting of committees from societies having colonies on the coast of Africa, held in the office of the Pennsylvania Colonization Society, September 25th, 1838, the following named persons were present, viz:

From the New York City Colonization Society.—Dr. Alex. Proudfit, and A. G. Phelps, Esq.

From the Maryland State Colonization Society.—Messrs. John H. B. Latrobe, Stuart, and William Crane.

From the American Colonization Society.—Messrs. R. R. Gurley, Seaton, and Wilkinson.

From the Pennsylvania Colonization Society.—Messrs. Joel Jones, John Bell, Thos. Buchanan, Stephen Caldwell, Lewis P. Gebhard, and Robt. B. Davidson.

Dr. Proudfit was called to the chair, and Messrs. Latrobe and Davidson appointed secretaries.

The meeting was opened with prayer by the Rev. R. R. Gurley. After which, Mr. Buchanan stated the object of the meeting to be—to devise a plan for uniting the colonies in Africa under one general government.

Judge Wilkinson then offered the following resolution, viz:—

Resolved, That to promote the best interests of Liberia, it is expedient to unite the several colonies under a general government.

After considerable discussion and several substitutes being offered for the above resolution, the meeting determined that the votes should be taken of the individuals present and two votes allowed to each society represented.

The first vote in order was on Mr. Gurley's substitute, viz:—

Resolved, That a more perfect union of the friends of African colonization, in their counsel and measures in this country is most desirable, and that it is expedient to adopt a general government for the several colonies in Liberia.

The foregoing resolution being withdrawn, Mr. Latrobe's substitute was next in order—a motion was made to lay it on the table, but was lost. New York and Pennsylvania both being divided, and Washington voting in the affirmative, and Maryland in the negative, Mr. Latrobe's resolutions gave rise to considerable debate, and at a late hour a motion was made to adjourn until Wednesday morning at 9 o'clock, which was lost—several of the members being obliged to leave town. Mr. Latrobe's resolutions were then adopted unanimously—the Washington members not voting—on the ground that they were not authorized to adopt the measures proposed.

1. *Resolved*, That it is expedient that there should be held a convention of delegates from the several societies having colonies on the coast of Africa, to consider a general plan for the commercial concerns of the colonies, and their mutual intercourse and harmony.

2. *Resolved*, That a committee be appointed by the chair of members from each society here represented, which shall be instructed to prepare a general plan for the commercial concerns of the colonies and their mutual intercourse and harmony.

3. *Resolved*, That such committee be directed to furnish to each of the said societies a copy of such general plan as they may agree upon—with a day and place named by said committee—at which each society shall be invited to send delegates to a convention—for the purpose of discussing and adopting the plan aforesaid, either as reported or amended by said convention.

The following named persons were then appointed the committee under the foregoing resolutions.

From New York.—Dr. Proudfit.
Pennsylvania.—Mr. Buchanan.
Maryland.—Mr. Latrobe.
Washington.—Judge Wilkinson and Mr. Gurley.

Mr. Latrobe then moved to adjourn—for the purpose of letting the Maryland members retire—as they could unite no further in the plans proposed. The motion was lost.

Judge Wilkinson called up Mr. Gurley's resolution which had been withdrawn.

Mr. Phelps moved to adjourn sine die. Lost.

The question was taken on Mr. Gurley's resolution and carried—the Maryland delegation declining to vote.

Mr. Gurley then moved to adjourn sine die. Lost.

Mr. Buchanan moved a re-consideration of Mr. Gurley's resolution in order that the Maryland delegates might be permitted to retire, as they could not unite in any plan for a general government. The motion prevailed, and without taking the question again on Mr. Gurley's resolutions, on motion of Mr. Latrobe, the convention adjourned.

JOHN H. B. LATROBE, } *Secretaries.*
ROBT. B. DAVIDSON, }

ARTICLES OF ASSOCIATION

Between and among the Colonies of Liberia, being Colonies of free coloured persons from the United States of America on the western coast of Africa.

1. The style of the association shall be the Associated Colonies of Liberia in West Africa.

2. Any colony composed of free coloured persons from the United States of America, may become a member of this association if its legislative authority adopt these articles, and notify the fact to the legislative authorities of the older members of the association.

3. There shall be perpetual peace and friendship between and among the associated colonies of Liberia in West Africa. Each of them for itself renounces the right of making war upon each or any of the others. Any differences which may arise between them shall be referred to the arbitration of the convention of delegates hereinafter spoken of, or of all or some of the associated colonies, and the award made by such arbitrators shall be final, and the faith of each of the associated colonies is hereby pledged to abide by the same.

4. The associated colonies of Liberia in West Africa shall have a common flag, which shall be that now used by the colonies in Liberia and Maryland in Liberia, until the convention of delegates hereinafter mentioned shall otherwise provide.

5. The associated colonies hereby adopt the decimal currency of the United States of America as the currency of the said associated colonies and of each of them.

6. Fugitives from justice in any of the associated colonies, shall be given up by any other of them upon the demand of the principal executive authority of one colony upon the principal executive authority of another, accompanied by a proof of the crime and of the identity of the criminal. The executive of each colony shall have authority to issue a warrant for the arrest of any such fugitive. No person shall be accounted a fugitive from justice, unless at the time of committing the offence he was personally and actually within the jurisdiction of the colony, whose laws he is charged with violating,—a mere constructive presence shall not be sufficient.

7. Full faith and credit shall be given in each of the aforesaid colonies, as well in courts of justice as elsewhere, to the legislative and judicial records of

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