MARYLAND STATE COLONIZATION SOCIETY.

A meeting of the Maryland State Colonization Society, held on Friday, January 31st, 1840, at the Colonization Office, in Baltimore, Dr. Thomas E. Bond, Sr. was called to the chair, and Dr. John H. Briscoe appointed secretary.

On motion, *Resolved*, that the Society now go into an election of officers for the ensuing year, when the following persons were put in nomination and unanimously elected.

President.

JOHN H. B. LATROBE.

Vice-Presidents.

Dr. Thomas E. Bond,	John H. Briscoe,
Charles Howard,	Hugh D. Evans,
Philip R. Hoffman,	John G. Proud.

Managers.

William R. Stuart,	Franklin Anderson,
George S. Gibson,	William Bose,
William Crane,	Hugh Jenkins,
Francis H. Smith,	Dr. J. H. McCulloh,
Thomas Wilson,	Charles F. Mayer,
William Mason,	Oliver Holmes.

John L. Carey, *Corresponding Secretary.*
William F. Giles, *Recording Secretary.*
Robert Mickle, *Treasurer.*

On motion the meeting then adjourned.

Rev. John H. Kennard, *Home Agent.*

Managers of the Maryland State Fund,

Under 'An Act relating to the People of Colour in this State,' appointed by the Executive of the State of Maryland.

CHARLES HOWARD,
WILLIAM R. STUART,
FRANKLIN ANDERSON.

EIGHTH ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

BOARD OF MANAGERS

OF THE

MARYLAND STATE COLONIZATION SOCIETY.

In presenting their annual report to the Society, the Board of Managers humbly acknowledge their grateful sense of the protection and favour vouchsafed by Divine Providence to their colony at Cape Palmas, which, without one adverse incident of serious importance, has continued, from the day of its founding to the present time, to grow with a steady and healthful pace in happiness and prosperity.

The Board, while thus alluding to the situation of the Society's affairs abroad, have been deprived, at home, of the services of their valued and esteemed agent, the Rev. Ira A. Easter, by death. Mr. Easter died in Baltimore on the morning of Thursday, the 16th inst. He had been in the employment of the Society since Nov. 1835, and during that time had devoted himself with untiring zeal to the interests of colonization. As an agent, he was faithful, prudent and industrious—as a man, he was a sincere and devoted christian, filling all the relations of domestic life in the most exemplary manner, and meeting death, the consequence of a long and painful illness, with pious resignation. His memory will be cherished with the truest respect by the managers and officers of the society.

In the fall of 1838, the Oberon, as stated in a former report, sailed with emigrants from Baltimore to Cape Palmas; and on the 12th December last, the Boxer left Baltimore with an expedition for the colony. The emigrants by the Boxer are a most respectable set of persons, and will add considerably both to the physical and moral strength of the colony. The population of the colony is now about 450.

The Boxer, besides the trade goods sent to the colony, as supplies to meet expenditures there, had on board $500 in specie, for the purchase of animals for agricultural use at Goree. The object of the society, as already often intimated, has been to make the colony essentially an agricultural one, and they have spared no pains to accom-

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