OFFICERS OF MARYLAND IN LIBERIA.

APPOINTED BY THE BOARD OF MANAGERS OF THE MARYLAND STATE COLONIZATION SOCIETY, FOR 1839.

Governor—John B. Russwurm.
Assistant Agent—George R. McGill.
Colonial Physician—Samuel F. McGill.

OFFICERS ELECTED BY THE PEOPLE AT AN ANNUAL ELECTION AT CAPE PALMAS, 1839.

Returns of the annual election held at Harper, Maryland in Liberia, on the first monday in March, 1839, when the following officers were elected for the ensuing year, viz:

Vice Agent.—Jacob Gross.
Register.—Joshua H. Stewart.
Treasurer.—Burwell Minor.
Selectmen.—Charles Hall, Osborn Tubman.
Councillors.—Alexander Hance, Cyrus Tubman.
Committee on New Emigrants.—Nathaniel Edmondson, Robert Whitfield, Nicholas Jackson, Sr.
Sheriff.—William Reynolds, elected 23d March; there being, at the annual election, no choice made of sheriff.

APPOINTMENTS BY THE AGENT.

Colonial Secretary.—John Revey.
Justices of the Peace.—Thomas Jackson, John Bowen, Henry Allen.
School Teachers.—Henry Hannor, for school No. 1, Nicholas Jackson, Jr. for school No. 2.
Acting Storekeeper.—William A. Prout.
Measurer of Lumber and Inspector of Shingles.—John Bowen.
Auctioneer.—William Hawkins.
Constables.—Jeremiah Stewart, Benjamin Johnson, Jr.
Collector of Customs.—Anthony Howard.

Signed, J. B. Russwurm,
A. Md. S. C. S.

Harper, Md. in Liberia, March 7th, 1839.

John Revey, *Col. Sec'ry.*

IMPORTANT TESTIMONY.

Extract from an account by the Editor of the Liberia Herald, published at Monrovia, of his voyage down the Coast of Africa.

'Intending to make a call at Harper, on our return, on we dashed, and on the morning of the 19th, found ourselves alive and well, but a little to the south of our port. This, though at first a matter of regret, proved in the sequel a source of pleasure. From being in this relative position, we had a better view of the place than we otherwise would have had. And we do not hesitate to say, that Harper affords a finer and more respectable view than any other of the American settlements. The Cape considerably elevated, is surmounted by a goodly number of neatly whitewashed cottages, which with the more ample and respectable gubernatorial residence, on a point still more elavated, and at a small distance from the others, presents an aspect of calm

tranquillity and repose really inviting. Full in view were those three far-famed native towns, of which so much has been said, and so much that is not correct. That nearest the American village, is said to contain 1,500 souls. We should be inclined to assign this number to the whole, without fear of being below the number. Whatever may be their population, in the event of a collision, their location would render them extremely formidable, and all lawful and consistent means should be used to induce them to remove either to the right or left. Fair Hope also, the residence of those devoted missionaries, Mr. and Mrs. Wilson, presented itself on the south; and with its appendages and appurtenants served to diversify and enliven the picture. At ten o'clock we landed and heard the cordial salutation, 'welcome to Harper' from numerous friends. We were kindly received by Governor Russwurm and his excellent family, by the Rev. Mr. and Mrs. Wilson, and by the worthy secretary of the colony, Rev. John Revey. Of their courtesy and urbanity, we shall long retain a grateful sense. But to mark any one instance of civility would be ingratitude. It must suffice to say once for all, that more general hospitality and courteous attention we have never met with. Allowing for the effect which novelty never fails to exert, and for the fact, that the first days of visitors are always *gala days* in Africa, we say without hesitation, that Harper more than exceeds our highest anticipations, and very far outstrips its competitors. This we propose to make manifest in our next. Till then we intreat our readers to remain quietly in Harper, either at the governor's or the missionaries, at either of which, and at many other places, they will find a hearty welcome.'—*Liberia Herald, June,* 1839.

REPORT OF THE LADIES' SOCIETY FOR THE PROMOTION OF EDUCATION IN AFRICA.

The Board of Managers of the 'Ladies' Society for the promotion of education in Africa,' feel it their duty again to come before their subscribers and the public, with a report of their proceedings during the last year, and although in no way disheartened in the prosecution of an enterprise from which they look for good results, they yet feel that the past year has been marked by circumstances, which, if not discouraging, call for more faith in an over-ruling Providence, and more energy than their cause has yet demanded.

Previous to the later accounts from Africa, they were filled with hope of the success of their project; upon hearing of the safe arrival of their teacher, and of the good prospects that attended their plans of instruction to the children of the colonists; but the next arrival brought them the painful tidings of the death of Alleyne, in the very commencement of his career of usefulness. He had collected around him thirty-five pupils, whose progress was extremely encouraging; but for some wise, although to us unseen cause, he was removed from the scene of his earthly labours, and for the want of some one in the same capacity to take his place, his pupils were scattered, and since then there has been no suitable person found to undertake the office of teacher. From the united testimony of the missionaries and others, it will indeed be difficult to find one so well fitted to fill the situation as Benjamin Alleyne, but the Board of Managers are now endeavouring by every possible means, to find one qualified for the post; and they are very sanguine that such a person may be procured by the sailing of the Spring Expedition.

The Managers have yet another event to notice, which has been to them a severe loss; which would prove the heavier to them, did they not feel that to him it was an 'exceeding gain.' They allude to the death of the Rev. Ira A. Easter, a tried and efficient friend since the formation of their Society. These are circumstances to sadden them, but confident in the goodness of

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