MARYLAND STATE COLONIZATION SOCIETY.

OFFICERS ELECTED FOR THE ENSUING YEAR.

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JOHN H. B. LATROBE.

Vice-Presidents.

THOMAS E. BOND, JOHN H. BRISCOE,
CHARLES HOWARD, HUGH D. EVANS,
PHILIP ROGERS HOFFMAN, WILLIAM R. STUART.

Board of Managers.

FRANKLIN ANDERSON, GEORGE S. GIBSON,
WILLIAM BOSE, WILLIAM CRANE,
HUGH JENKINS, FRANCIS H. SMITH,
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CHARLES F. MAYER, WILLIAM MASON,
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JOHN L. CAREY, *Corresponding Secretary.*
WILLIAM F. GILES, *Recording Secretary.*
ROBERT MICKLE, *Treasurer.*

JAMES HALL, *General Agent.*
JOHN H. KENNARD, *Travelling Agent.*

Managers of the State Fund.

Appointed by the Executive of the State, under 'An Act relating to the People of Colour in this State.'

CHARLES HOWARD,
WILLIAM R. STUART,
FRANKLIN ANDERSON.

PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

NINTH ANNUAL MEETING

OF THE

MARYLAND STATE COLONIZATION SOCIETY,

HELD AT ANNAPOLIS.

The meeting was held in the Senate Chamber of the Capitol, on Thursday evening, January 28, 1841. The president, J. H. B. LATROBE, in the chair, supported by Messrs. HOWARD and HOFFMAN, vice-presidents. The Rev. Mr. KENNARD, agent of the society, acting as secretary. The meeting was opened by appropriate religious exercises, performed by the Rev. Dr. HUMPHREYS, president of St. John's College.

Mr. KENNARD then read the annexed Report of the Board of Managers.

Mr. LATROBE, (Mr. HOWARD, being in the chair,) then offered the following preamble and resolution, which were adopted.

Whereas, The colony of Maryland in Liberia was founded by the Maryland State Colonization Society, under the auspices and patronage of the state of Maryland, with the understanding, that the colony should receive a continuance of countenance and assistance, and also from time to time such additions of emigrants as would enable them to feel a confidence in their permanent establishment, as a free and independent nation; *And whereas,* we have the fullest assurance that the prosperity of the colony now established at Cape Palmas, is unparalleled in the history of Colonization, that the inhabitants thereof have proved an honour to their race.

Therefore be it resolved, That the present citizens of Maryland in Liberia, have a moral claim to a continuation of that patronage and countenance hitherto afforded them, and induced by which they emigrated to a foreign land; that as a matter of justice to them, every philanthropist and friend of the African race in Maryland, should use all practicable efforts to sustain and succour them, until they shall have such means in their own power, and such numerical strength as will enable them entirely to fulfil the intentions of the first projectors and founders of the colony.

On motion of J. L. CAREY, Esq.

Resolved, That the society views, in the success which has thus far attended the system of independent state action, which they have adopted in reference to Colonization, the best evidence of its wisdom, and attribute to it, in a great degree, the freedom of the state from the excitement which during the past year, has agitated the country at large on the subject of slavery.

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