study of medicine about nine months ago. Or should it be difficult to procure the above work, please send anatomical plates, with full explanations.

I hope my brother who visited the states with Dr. Hall, was honoured by your acquaintance. His object in going, you were doubtless apprised of, and I am highly gratified that one to whom I am so nearly related, should be among the first who set out to obtain a branch of knowledge calculated to be of vast importance on the coast of Africa.

With my best and most sincere wishes for the promotion of the cause so nobly espoused by yourself, and of all others the one most likely to promote the best interests of the sons of Africa,

I remain, honoured sir, your obedient servant,

SAMUEL F. MCGILL.

SUNDRY RESOLUTIONS OF AGENT AND COUNCIL.

April 6th, 1839.

Council met pursuant to adjournment, present, agent, vice-agent, and one councillor, Cyrus Tubman. The meeting not being full, *Resolved*, that an adjournment take place until next Saturday, the 13th inst.

April 13th, 1839.

Council met agreeable to adjournment, present, agent, J. B. Russwurm, Esq. assistant-agent, vice-agent, and Messrs. Hance and Tubman, councillors.

1. *Whereas*, the various duties imposed on the selectmen of Harper, by the 27th section of the ordinance, cannot be faithfully attended to without devoting all their time thereto, and *whereas*, no provision has been made by law for their pay and support; *Be it therefore enacted, by the agent and council*, That from this date, there be appointed annually, road surveyors on the different roads in this colony, whose duty it shall be to attend to keeping clear and in repair in their townships, all streets, roads, causeways and bridges. Said road surveyors to have the same powers as the law now vests in the selectmen, for keeping clear and in repair all streets and roads, by giving three days previous notice; and all persons refusing to turn out, in pursuance of the order of said surveyors, shall pay 75 cents per diem, and every person turning out, but refusing to work, shall be fined 75 cents.

2. *Resolved*, That the township of Harper be divided into four sections; 1st section to extend to the intersection of Hance's road and Avenue, including Thomson and Duncan streets. 2nd section commencing at Hardy street, extending through Hance street to Avenue, including Norris street. 3rd or Mount Tubman section, beginning at intersection of Hance street and Avenue, extending to Hoffman's river branch. 4th, or Holmes' road section, to include Holmes', Davenport and White streets.

3. *Resolved*, That four road masters or surveyors be appointed for the different sections, and that Anthony Howard be appointed over the first section; Job Coates over the second; William Tubman over the third, or Mount Tubman section; and Charles Hammond over the fourth, or Holmes' road section.

4. *Resolved*, That from this date, the resolution of the agent and council relating to the duties of the selectmen, passed the 23rd of last March, be repealed, and the same is hereby repealed.

5. *Whereas*, Serious difficulties are likely to arise in the colony, from colonists leaving without giving previous notice to their creditors; therefore, *Be it enacted, by the agent and council*, That it shall not be lawful for any citizen or colonist, to remove from this colony without giving ten days previous notice, to be posted at three conspicuous places, of his or their intention.

6. *Whereas*, Much dissatisfaction prevails throughout the military of the colony, in consequence of the indifference of some of the colonists, and the refusal of others to turn out on the quarterly parades; *Be it enacted, by the agent and council*, That from this date, all delinquents at the quarterly parades shall be fined at the following rates; commissioned officers for not parading, $10; non-commissioned officers, $6; privates, $5; all laws, rules, and regulations to the contrary notwithstanding.

Adjourned to meet this coming Saturday two weeks, the 27th inst.

May 4th, 1839.

Council met pursuant to adjournment, present, agent, assistant-agent, vice-agent, and Messrs. Hance and Tubman, councillors; when the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That John Bordley be appointed road surveyor, instead of Job Coates, who declined. Adjourned to meet this day fortnight.

May 18th, 1839.

Council met pursuant to adjournment, present, agent, vice-agent, and Messrs. Hance and Tubman, councillors; when the following resolution was adopted.

Whereas, to prevent a growing evil in the colony, and to protect the chastity of females within the same; *Be it therefore enacted, by the agent and council*, That whoever shall be guilty of seducing a woman of good reputation, under a promise of marriage, and shall violate his promise, shall be fined not less than $100 nor more than $500, or be confined to hard labour for a period not less than nine months nor more than three years.

July 19th, 1839.

Council met pursuant to notice, to consider the proper steps to be taken in relation to the settling of the palaver with the Barraca people; all the members of the council present, except the vice-agent. The following resolutions were adopted.

1. *Whereas*, The Barraca people have sent into the governor, to have their palaver settled, with a bullock, as a dash, according to the native custom; *Resolved*, That the agent and council feel willing that the matter be settled according to the customs of the country.

2. *Whereas*, It is usual to pay thus, 5 cows, 3 goats, 1 piece blue baft, 1 black hat, 1 popo bead, 1 tiger tooth, 1 brass band, 1 fathom blue baft, 1 fowl, 1 croo rice, 1 bottle palm oil, for the life of an individual; *Resolved*, That the Barraca people pay six times the amount, that is, that they pay for the lives of six persons, as well also, for what property may have been destroyed by them, belonging to the Rev. Mr. Payne and others. Adjourned sine die.

December 9th, 1839.

Council met pursuant to notice, all present, except the vice-agent; when the following resolutions were passed.

1. *Resolved*, That the same regulations be adopted this coming anniversary, that were pursued on the last anniversary of the colony, with the exception that one more gun be fired at sun-rise, and an additional firing at Mount Tubman; that is to say,

First,—That there be six guns fired on the 22d of February next, to denote the age of the colony; thirteen at noon, the original number of the United States, and that the same number be fired at Mount Tubman.

Second,—That some suitable person be invited to deliver an address on the occasion, that the citizens generally be recommended to abstain from labour on that day, and to unite in the celebration.

2. *Resolved*, That the adjutant act as marshall of the day on the anniversary.

3. *Resolved*, That the agent and council deem it necessary that there be appointed a major to take command of the military.

4. *Resolved*, That captain Anthony Wood, of the Latrobe artillery company, be appointed major of the military forces of Maryland in Liberia.

5. *Resolved*, That the agent and council meet on New Year's day, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon, to witness the proceedings of the committee who are to award the premiums to the owners of the best cultivated farms, in pursuance of a late public notice, and the citizens who feel an interest in agriculture are invited to attend.

March 20th, 1840.

Council met according to notice, present, agent, assistant-agent, vice-agent, and Nathaniel Lee and Henry Gutridge, councillors, for the purpose of taking into consideration the propriety, as well as the necessity, of establishing a market; and the following enactments were passed.

1. *Whereas*, Many disputes and palavers have and do occur between the colonists and natives, from the promiscuous and petty trading which hitherto

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