It is with sorrow that I am compelled to announce the death of Mr. Revey, after a protracted illness of more than one year. He was never of a sound constitution, and was in the early part of last year attacked with the dysentery; from this and its complications he never perfectly recovered. In November last distinct evidences of hepatic disease developed themselves; from that time until the period of his death, (March 16,) he slowly declined. In losing him we have parted with one of the best and most useful men in our colony; it is indeed very questionable whether his place can be supplied by any one in Africa.

Mr. Revey was born in the state of New York. He embarked for Africa in 1819, in the first vessel that sailed with emigrants. He was then only seventeen years of age, had a very imperfect education, and could assign no other reason for leaving his father and family than a disposition to roam.

He was among the number who landed at Sherbro, witnessed the deaths of all the managers and nearly all the settlers, and was among those who abandoned the settlement. From Sherbro he went to Sierra Leone; was very studious and qualified himself for the situation of a clerk in a respectable mercantile house. While thus employed he made many trading excursions into the interior. In 1828, he removed from Sierra Leone to Monrovia. From the time of his arrival in Monrovia to that of his removal to this place in 1838, his whole time seems to have been devoted to gaining a knowledge of letters, and to imparting the knowledge gained to others. He was successively missionary to the Veys, high sheriff of Liberia, public surveyor and a manager of public schools. About three or four years ago he was ordained a minister of the Baptist church.

He accompanied Mr. Russwurm to Cape Palmas, and filled the office of colonial secretary with credit. While thus engaged he established the first Baptist church in this place, and up to the period of his death performed the duties of pastor. These duties were attended with no small degree of trouble and expense. His disconnexion with any missionary society, rendered it necessary for him often to draw on his own scanty means for the relief of the poor and distressed members of his church. Connected with his church is a Sabbath school, which he attended regularly. He was repeatedly offered employment under the Baptist missionaries in Africa; these offers were steadily declined on the ground that he had settled in Africa with a view to the elevation of his race, and he felt it a duty to use every effort both civil and religious to accomplish this end. The appointment of a coloured governor in this place was the principal cause of his removal from Monrovia, so that by his labours he might support this praiseworthy and judicious appointment. He thought that the labours of missionaries should commence among such *half civilized beings who* are sent from *enlightened* America to the colonies, and from them should extend to the heathen. Influenced by such principles he attended to his official duties as secretary, and devoted those moments which are generally taken as a relaxation from business to offices of a higher and more benevolent character. For this course our friend deserves the greatest credit, as it is indeed rare that our colonists have sufficient independence or patriotism to reject the apparently easy life of a missionary. The most promising and intelligent of our colonists are eagerly sought after to become mere assistants; and I am sorry to say they too often embrace such offers, under a full knowledge that they are destined to become the mere tools of others. The limits of this letter will not admit of my writing more on this subject, more than to say that all classes in this community regret the death of this truly amiable and christian man. His ruling passion was to do good, to accomplish which his labours were incessant, and in many cases gratuitous. He was unassuming and mild in his manners and address, and possessed such a fund of intelligence that he could adapt himself to all circumstances and occasions. On a character so highly respected and endeared to Liberians it would be grateful to enlarge, but we can add nothing to the knowledge already possessed in his commendation; our silent admiration is perhaps the most eloquent and efficient praise.

As you will receive full communications from Gov. Russwurm, I thought it unnecessary for me to say any thing of our colonial affairs.

With sentiments of the highest respect,

I remain your obedient servant,

SAMUEL F. McGILL, *Col. Physician.*



*Population of the Counties of Maryland in* 1790, 1800, 1810, 1820, 1830 *and* 1840, *as shewn by the census taken in those years.*

| | CECIL. | | | | KENT. | | | | CAROLINE. | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Slaves. | F. Col. | White. | Total. | Slaves. | F. Col. | White. | Total. | Slaves. | F. Col | White. | Total. |
| 1790 | 3,407 | 163 | 10,055 | 13,625 | 5,443 | 655 | 6,748 | 12,836 | 2,057 | 421 | 7,028 | 9,506 |
| 1800 | 2,103 | 373 | 6,542 | 9,018 | 4,474 | 1,786 | 5,511 | 11,771 | 1,865 | 602 | 6,759 | 9,226 |
| 1810 | 2,467 | 947 | 9,652 | 13,066 | 4,249 | 1,979 | 5.222 | 11,450 | 1,520 | 1,001 | 6,932 | 9,453 |
| 1820 | 2,342 | 1,783 | 11,821 | 16,046 | 4,071 | 2,067 | 5 315 | 11,455 | 1,574 | 1,390 | 7,144 | 10,108 |
| 1830 | 1,705 | 2,249 | 11,478 | 15,432 | 3,191 | 2,260 | 5,050 | 10,501 | 1,171 | 1,652 | 6,247 | 9,070 |
| 1840 | 1,352 | 2.551 | 13,279 | 17,232 | 2,735 | 2,491 | 5,616 | 10.842 | 752 | 1,720 | 5.334 | 7,806 |

| | TALBOT. | | | | QUEEN ANNE'S. | | | | SOMERSET. | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Slaves. | F. Col. | White. | Total. | Slaves | F. Col. | White. | Total. | Slaves. | F. Col. | White. | Total. |
| 1790 | 4,777 | 1,076 | 7,221 | 13,084 | 6,674 | 618 | 8,171 | 15,463 | 7,070 | 268 | 8,272 | 15,610 |
| 1800 | 4,775 | 1,591 | 7,070 | 13,436 | 6,517 | 1,025 | 7,315 | 14,857 | 7,432 | 586 | 9,340 | 17,358 |
| 1810 | 4,878 | 2,003 | 7,349 | 14,230 | 6,381 | 2,738 | 7,529 | 16,648 | 6,975 | 1,058 | 9,162 | 17,195 |
| 1820 | 4,769 | 2,234 | 7,386 | 14,389 | 5,588 | 2,138 | 7,226 | 14,952 | 7,241 | 1,952 | 10,386 | 19,579 |
| 1830 | 4,173 | 2,483 | 6,291 | 12,947 | 4,872 | 2,866 | 6,559 | 14,397 | 6,556 | 2,239 | 11,371 | 20,166 |
| 1840 | 3,687 | 2,340 | 6,063 | 12,090 | 3,960 | 2,532 | 6,132 | 12,035 | 5.377 | 2,646 | 11,485 | 19,508 |

| | DORCHESTER. | | | | WORCESTER. | | | | ALLEGANY. | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Slaves. | F. Col. | White. | Total. | Slaves. | F. Col | White. | Total | Slaves. | F. Col. | White. | Total. |
| 1790 | 5,377 | 528 | 10,010 | 15,875 | 3,836 | 178 | 7,626 | 11,640 | 258 | 12 | 4,539 | 4,809 |
| 1800 | 4,566 | 2,365 | 9,415 | 16,346 | 4,398 | 449 | 11,523 | 16,370 | 499 | 101 | 5,703 | 6,303 |
| 1810 | 5,032 | 2,661 | 10,415 | 18,108 | 4,427 | 1,054 | 11,490 | 16,971 | 620 | 113 | 6,176 | 6,909 |
| 1820 | 5,168 | 2,497 | 10,094 | 17,759 | 4,551 | 1,636 | 11,234 | 17,421 | 795 | 195 | 7,664 | 8,654 |
| 1830 | 5,001 | 3,000 | 10,685 | 18,686 | 4,032 | 2,430 | 11,811 | 18,273 | 818 | 222 | 9,569 | 10,609 |
| 1840 | 4,227 | 3,987 | 10,629 | 18,843 | 3,539 | 3,073 | 11,765 | 18,377 | 812 | 215 | 14,663 | 15,690 |

| | WASHINGTON. | | | | FREDERICK. | | | | BALTIMORE. | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Slaves. | F. Col. | White. | Total. | Slaves. | F. Col. | White. | Total. | Slaves. | F. Col. | White. | Total. |
| 1790 | 1,286 | 64 | 14,472 | 15,822 | 3,641 | 213 | 26,937 | 30,791 | 5,877 | 604 | 18.953 | 25,434 |
| 1800 | 2,200 | 342 | 16,108 | 18,650 | 4,572 | 473 | 26,478 | 31,523 | 6,830 | 1,536 | 24,150 | 32,516 |
| 1810 | 2,656 | 483 | 15,591 | 18,730 | 5,671 | 783 | 27,983 | 34,437 | 6,697 | 1,537 | 21,021 | 29,255 |
| 1820 | 3,201 | 627 | 19,247 | 23,075 | 6,555 | 1,777 | 32,097 | 40,459 | 6,720 | 2,163 | 24,580 | 33,463 |
| 1830 | 2,909 | 1,084 | 21,275 | 25,268 | 6,370 | 2,716 | 36,703 | 45,789 | 6,533 | 3,098 | 30,625 | 40,250 |
| 1840 | 2,536 | 1,580 | 24,734 | 28,850 | 4,054 | 2,378 | 24,791 | 31,223 | 4,396 | 3,486 | 24,184 | 32,066 |

| | BALTIMORE CITY. | | | | HARFORD. | | | | MONTGOMERY. | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Slaves. | F. Col. | White. | Total. | Slaves. | F. Col. | White. | Total. | Slaves. | F. Col. | White. | Total. |
| 1790 | 1,255 | 323 | 11,925 | 13,503 | 3,417 | 775 | 10,784 | 14,976 | 6,030 | 294 | 11,679 | 18,003 |
| 1800 | 2,843 | 2,771 | 20,900 | 26,514 | 4,264 | 1,344 | 12,018 | 17,626 | 6,288 | 262 | 8,508 | 15,058 |
| 1810 | 4,672 | 5,671 | 36,212 | 46,555 | 4,431 | 2,221 | 14,606 | 21,258 | 7,572 | 677 | 9,731 | 17,980 |
| 1820 | 4,357 | 10,326 | 48,055 | 62,739 | 3,320 | 1,387 | 11,217 | 15,924 | 6,396 | 922 | 9,082 | 16,400 |
| 1830 | 4,120 | 14,790 | 61,710 | 80,620 | 2,984 | 2,048 | 11,287 | 16,319 | 6,447 | 1,266 | 12,103 | 19,816 |
| 1840 | 3,199 | 17,967 | 81,147 | 102,313 | 2,643 | 2,436 | 12,041 | 17,120 | 5,135 | 1,255 | 8,279 | 14,669 |

| | PRINCE GEORGE'S. | | | | SAINT MARY'S. | | | | CALVERT. | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Slaves. | F. Col. | White. | Total. | Slaves. | F. Col. | White. | Total. | Slaves. | F. Col. | White. | Total. |
| 1790 | 11,176 | 164 | 10,004 | 21,344 | 6,985 | 343 | 8,216 | 15,544 | 4,305 | 136 | 4,211 | 8,652 |
| 1800 | 12,191 | 648 | 8,346 | 21,185 | 6,399 | 622 | 6,678 | 13,699 | 4,401 | 307 | 3,889 | 8,297 |
| 1810 | 9,189 | 4,929 | 6,471 | 20,589 | 6,000 | 636 | 6,158 | 12,794 | 3,937 | 388 | 3,860 | 8,005 |
| 1820 | 11,285 | 1,096 | 7,835 | 20,216 | 6,048 | 894 | 6,032 | 12,974 | 3,668 | 694 | 3,716 | 8,078 |
| 1830 | 11,585 | 1,202 | 7,667 | 20,474 | 6,183 | 1,179 | 6,097 | 13,459 | 3,899 | 1,213 | 3,788 | 8,900 |
| 1840 | 10,636 | 1,080 | 7,823 | 19,539 | 5,761 | 1,393 | 6,070 | 13,224 | 4,170 | 1,474 | 3,585 | 9,229 |

| | CHARLES. | | | | ANNE ARUNDEL. | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Slaves. | F. Col. | White. | Total. | Slaves. | F. Col. | White. | Total. |
| 1790 | 10,085 | 404 | 10,124 | 20,613 | 10,130 | 804 | 11,664 | 22,598 |
| 1800 | 9,558 | 571 | 9,043 | 19,172 | 9,760 | 1,833 | 11,030 | 22,623 |
| 1810 | 12,435 | 412 | 7,398 | 20,245 | 11,693 | 2,536 | 12,439 | 26,668 |
| 1820 | 9,419 | 567 | 6,514 | 16,500 | 10,328 | 3,382 | 13,455 | 27,165 |
| 1830 | 10,129 | 851 | 6,789 | 17,769 | 9,997 | 4,076 | 14,222 | 28,295 |
| 1840 | 9,182 | 819 | 6,022 | 16.023 | 9,420 | 4,497 | 12,923 | 26,840 |

NOTE.—Carroll county is not included in this statement, having been created since 1830, out of Baltimore and Frederick counties.

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VIII. Commissions and Reports

D. Reports of the Board of Managers
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