

out of their very weakness. This provision was best made by founding a settlement in another land, beyond the white man's reach. To provide it required time, and it was felt that it could not be commenced too early. The result was the Colony at Cape Palmas, in the brief description of which, here given, is to be found the description of the noblest monument yet erected to perpetuate Maryland's wisdom, forecast and humanity.

Years vanish, and motives are sometimes forgotten or overlooked. Hence it becomes necessary to recur to them. Therefore the present reference to the past.

The plan of the State, in 1831, was to place the appropriation of two hundred thousand dollars in the hands of the Managers of the Colonization Fund. These for a season acted directly in the matter. Finding, however, that the State Society, a chartered body, and already the recipient of the tax on slaves introduced into Maryland from other States, besides having a revenue from other sources, was willing to assume the whole agency, the managers gave it to them; and through the State Society, therefore, the subsequent expenditures under the act of 1831 were made. The propriety of this course has been amply demonstrated, not only in the fact that an active agency of an extensive and well organized association was obtained, but in the additional fact, that the Society's contributions, in aid of the State's appropriation, have, as will presently be seen, amounted, since 1831, to the very large sum of one hundred and thirty thousand one hundred and twenty-seven dollars and two cents.

The Managers of the State Fund, then, having made the State Society their agent, the report of the latter becomes the more important, since, from it, are to be obtained the details of almost the entire expenditure.

The following statement has accordingly been prepared from the books of the office in Baltimore, where the vouchers for it are to be found.

The receipts of the Society from its organization, in 1831, to January 1st, 1852, have been \$317,049 18

From the following sources:

1. From the Managers of the State fund,	\$186,922 16	
2. From State appropriation of 1827,	930 00	
3. From State Colonization tax,	12,851 85	
4. " Contributions,	29,102 77	
5. " Profit and loss,	76,369 03	
6. " Other sources,	10,873 37	
		\$317,049 18

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D. Reports of the Board of Managers
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