

R E P O R T .

THE last Report of the Board, on the 1st of January, 1852, contained an account of the condition of the Colony,—the means that had been expended up to that date, the sources from whence they had been derived, and a very careful analysis, shewing their application in Africa and in this country. The particularity of detail which characterised the last Report, in these respects, was made necessary by the fact that the State's appropriation, which, for the last twenty years, had contributed so largely and efficiently to the cause of Colonization in Maryland, had just expired by limitation; and it was proper, that the Board, through whose immediate agency the greater portion of it had been expended, should render a statement of their stewardship with the accuracy of mercantile operations.

In the last Report, the importance of a renewal of the State's appropriation, both for the purpose of further aid to the Colony, until able to support itself, and also to promote emigration from the State, was strongly dwelt upon;—and, it is a matter of great satisfaction to the Board to be able to announce, as the leading event of the last year, that the Legislature convened under the new Constitution, continuing the wise policy of their predecessors of 1832, renewed the law, appropriating ten thousand dollars annually for the uses of Colonization, for six years,—making it a charge upon the treasury of the State, instead of, as heretofore, a specific tax upon the several counties. The Report, upon which the law, thus renewing the appropriation, was founded, contained a very thorough and accurate examination of the whole subject, sanctioned the course that had been pursued by the State Society, and fully recognized the principles upon which, during its existence of twenty years, it had been acting. Maryland has done more, far more, than any State of the Union for Colonization; and with an experience, which no other State has had, still maintains the cause. Such an example cannot fail to be productive of important results. The time may come when other States, giving more money than Maryland has given, may leave to her nothing of which to boast,

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