

To THE HONORABLE

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND:

The Board of State Colonization Managers have the honor respectfully to submit the following Report—

That by the Act of January session 1852, chapter 202, the Board of State Colonization Managers, as originally authorized to be appointed by the Act of December session 1831, chapter 281, was continued in existence for the term of six years, with the same powers and duties which devolved upon them by the provisions of said last mentioned Act. The Report upon which the Act of 1852 was founded, contained a thorough examination of the whole subject of Colonization; and the renewal of the State's appropriation thereto, gave the most emphatic sanction and approval to the course of policy which had previously been pursued by the Board of State Managers, and which had by them been in their various Reports to the General Assembly set forth and explained in the fullest manner. It had been shewn that, after several years experience, the Board had become convinced, that they could most efficiently and most economically act in the matter of transporting emigrants to Africa, and of making proper provision for their reception and establishment there, by operating through the Maryland State Colonization Society, a body incorporated at the same session which created the Board of State Managers, as a part of the means devised to carry out the same great plan, and of which society the persons selected by the Executive to constitute the State Board, were required to be members. In accordance with this policy, it has been shewn, that from the year 1838 inclusive, to the end of the year 1851, when the Act of 1831 expired by its own limitation, the Managers of the State Fund, as such, made no shipments of emigrants, or provision for their settlement in Africa, these objects having been accomplished through the medium of the Maryland State Society, of the Board of Managers of which the State Managers are members, having thus a full knowledge of, and having given their approval to all measures of any importance which that Society have adopted.

The Board of State Managers deem it unnecessary in this Report to give a detailed account of the proceedings of the State Society during the past two years, respectfully asking leave, as heretofore, to refer your Hon. Body to the Reports and Documents

Maryland Historical Society

The Maryland State Colonization Society Papers

VIII. Commissions and Reports

D. Reports of the Board of Managers  
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