for England the trade, commerce and controll of Africa, furnishing a vast market for her manufactures, and, by diverting the trade from America and developing in England the resources of that country, destiny at once and forever African Colonization. This done the coloured race free and slave, are left to multiply upon us without the remotest possibility of getting rid of them; presenting the sad alternative of amalgamation with them or of extermination for them or ourselves. Without some safety-valve they must, in time, become burdensome and troublesome, a source of taxation and not of revenue. If African Colonization succeeds a place will be provided for them, and unless equal privileges be secured for them in this country, the day cannot be distant when the free blacks will be forced, by circumstances, to seek that country. Develope in America the resources of Africa and Colonization will and must succeed.

Long have I felt, and deeply felt, the importance of Colonization; for several years have foreseen, that this country was tending towards a crisis in its affairs; and that the great question to be met and solved was, what is to be done for and with the black race? The crisis has come much sooner than anticipated. It must be met and met at once. No option is left us: we cannot choose in regard to meeting it. Shall the black race be on terms of perfect with the whites in this country? Shall they enjoy those priviledges in a country their own — in the land of their forefathers. The question of slavery I consider settled.

Early in the spring I went to Montgomery County and saw the people set free by Will of Beal Gaither Esq. Some of them are quite intelligent, and would make good colonists could they be induced to go to the Colony. I saw them a second time, in the summer and, as usual, found them less disposed to go on my second visit, than at first. None of them can be induced to emigrate. During the summer George Hardy, one of the Colonists of Maryland in Liberia, visited his friends in the lower part of Anne Arundel and Calvert Counties. Hardy is a respectable and industrious man, and it was expected his testimony would be favourably received by those among whom he grew up and who had long known him. Soon after his return I received a letter from Mr. Sunderland, (Hardy's former master) saying there would be a ship load of emigrants from

that neighbourhood for the fall Expedition." but when the time arrived for the collecting the emigrants there was not one from all that country. It has been more difficult to obtain emigrants during the present than any former year; all seem disposed to place themselves under the care of England and not of the friends of African Colonization. "If we go any where it will be to the British Colonies," is the usual answer.

During the year my labours, in the counties of the State, have been confined to Montgomery, Anne Arundel, Calvert, Washington, Fredk, Carroll, Harford, Cecil, Kent, and Queen Anns, in all of which the scheme is favourably regarded. The people of the State are with us, and seem to take for granted that all is being done that is necessary. Satisfy the people of the State that more must be done, and more will be done.

The proposition to build the Cape Palmas Packet is favourably regard. The amount subscribed in the Counties, is $3.140.00/100; and I am confident, with time and continued effort eight or ten thousand dollars may be had in the Counties of the State for this object.

It is considered proper to submit, herewith, a statement of the Societies liabilities; and it is accordingly submitted.

Permit me, in concluding this report, to suggest to the Board the great importance of calling, at an early day, a convention of the State. Such a measure would tend to arouse the public mind, and contribute more effectually to awaken general interest in behalf of African Colonization than anything yet done. Circumstances are altogether favourable, and indeed seem to demand it. The people of Maryland expect to be advised of any movement touching their connection with the black race, by the Maryland State Colonization Society or their agents. The doings of "the Worlds Convention" ought to be known to the people of Maryland. Now is the time to make African Colonization or to abandon it; submit the question to the people of the State thro' a State Convention, and then be the result as it may, the Society will have discharged its duty, and place the responsibility where it belongs: with their fellow citizens of the State.

The number of manumissions, reported at the office during the year; prospective and immediate, is one hundred and twenty eight.

All of which is respectfully Submitted
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