

Never heard that emigrants were compelled to work at Liberia
Did not think they were happy among themselves - Envy and
jealousy among them. Captain Hardie thought them selfish -
The old settlers seemed healthy - Think that Meeklin had
in some way compromised to the Colonists so that he dared not say his
soul was his own - He was desirous to keep his place - It was
generally thought ^{by those Captain H. concerned with that} at Liberia that the objects of the W. A. Society
would be better subserved by a settlement in another place - Was
much as the means of the Society would be more concentrated
to the accomplishment of the object - Described a modest, diffi-
dent man - somewhat of a speculator - In fact it was a device on
most sides to make money out of the Society. Such persons by the
Americans kindly treated - The poor emigrants by the Lafayette were
neglected - It was said, that if the Governor would set the
example, and try to induce agricultural pursuits on the part of
the Colonists, that the example would be followed and good conse-
quences would ensue. Mr. Gile said this - Meeklin attri-
-buted many of the unsuccesses under which the Colony laboured
to the Society at home.

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