timent while they lengthen the sentence. There were some touches of genuine eloquence. We refer especially to his notice of the first meeting at Washington of the founders of African colonization. Chaste, silent and harmonious, it was the spontaneous flow of nature under deeply wrought feeling. It was decidedly the best address ever delivered on the occasion.

"The address over, the procession returned to government house. At one P. M. the national salute was fired, and the day closed with the usual festivities."

Marriages the past month, 1. Deaths, 6.

MARINE LIST.—Arrivals, 13. Departures, 9.

In the January number we have a notice of the opening of the legislature, and a report of the proceedings for the first week. The officers elected for the present year are:

Hon. S. Benedict, *Lieutenant Governor*.

H. Teage, Zion Harris, D. Johnston, B. R. Wilson, L. Sheridan, W. W. Davis, W. L. Wever, L. B. Fuller, J. B. Gripon and B. P. Yates, *Counsellors*.

James Eden was elected *Chaplain of the House*, and H. Shackelford and John Leon, *Doorkeepers*. H. Teage, *Printer to the House*.

No business worth reporting on this side the Atlantic was transacted.

No price current this month. The following editorial on two articles of trade in its stead:

"RICE, RICE, RICE.—The supply of the article is more abundant this season than in any one of the preceding seasons. Captain Brown of Ellen Jenkenson informs us that some three or four cargoes have been procured from Cape Palmas and its vicinity, for the Sierra Leone market.

"Palm oil has been unusually scarce. Indeed the supply is literally cut off. We are unable to account for it. The natives assign various reasons—some say war stop 'em—others say rain—and others again declare there is no oil in the nuts. Some greedy speculators will burn their fingers. Camwood and ivory both have been a little brisker this season. But the increase by no means supplies the deficiency in oil."

MARINE LIST.—17 arrivals, 4 British vessels of war. 15 clearances.

FEBRUARY.—The Herald of this month contains the message of Governor Roberts to the legislature—a document occupying some six columns. It is somewhat in the style of our presidents' messages, as well written as many of them, and mainly differs from them in that it contains no *ad captandum* professions of democracy, love for the people, etc. It is a straight-forward honest message, and would do credit to any governor. We wish we had room for the whole of it, but we will insert the opening and closing paragraphs as a sample of his style, and the details of the receipts and expenditures, the same being the parts most likely to interest our readers.

"*To the Honourable the Members of the Legislative Council:*

"GENTLEMEN,—On our present meeting it becomes my duty to invite your attention to the providential favours which our colony has experienced during the past year, in the unusual degree of health dispensed to its inhabitants, in the rich abundance with which the earth has rewarded the labours of the farmer, in the success that has attended the efforts of our enterprising merchants, in the extension of the influence of the colony over the minds of the heathen tribes around us, and in the progress of general improvement favourable to the prosperity of our infant republic.—With these blessings, have been necessarily mingled the inconveniences and vicissitudes incident to all new countries. Still there is just occasion for our mutual congratulations and thankfulness to that benificent Being who in his goodness has been pleased to favour us with such distinguished mercies.

"Since the meeting of the legislature in April last, nothing of importance has occurred to disturb our friendly relations with foreigners, or with the natives of the country we inhabit. Peace and harmony prevail throughout our borders.

"I am happy to inform you gentlemen that the revenue of the commonwealth is steadily increasing. From official returns to the 31st December, I have been able to make up the following summary statement—the amounts in detail will be laid before you—of the transactions at the Colonial Treasury for the year ending 31st December, 1842. The Treasurer for the county of Messurado acknowledges the receipt of the following amounts—viz:

"From the collector of customs P. M. $2,940 93, duty on imports. $450 50, anchorage duty. $57 00, light duty. $90 93, tonnage duty C. V.

"From the sheriff of the county. $22 20, court fines,—and $37 06, military fines.

"From the clerk of court of C. P. $50 00, auction license. $120 80, for commission license. $119 25, for special license,—and $144 69, for retail license. Making an amount total of $4,027 36.

"The following have been the disbursements, viz: For public buildings, (including $500, paid on account the light house,) $2,250 00. For the session of the legislature in 1842, $262 00. For the judiciary, $370 00. For prisoners, $350 00. For the defence of the colony, $200 00. For signal master and light house on Cape Messurado, $165 00. For elections, $32 00. For printing, $39 00. And for contingencies, $33 12. Making $3,698 12, and, $329 24 less than the receipts; which added to $858 80, balance in hands of Treasurer 31st December, 1841, will leave a balance in the treasury this day of $1,188 04.

"The following are the amounts collected in the county of Grand Bassa, viz:—

"By the collector for the port of Marshall. Duty on imports, $230 00.

"By the collector for the ports of Edina and Bassa Cove:

"Duty on imports, $726 17. Anchorage duty, $12 00.

"By the sheriff of the county. Court fines, $79 00. Tax fee, $10 00.

"By the clerk of the court of C. P. For commission license, $125 00. Special license, $50 00. Retail license, $144 00. Making an amount total of $1,376 17.

"The following amounts have been disbursed, viz: For public buildings, $249 50. For the legislature, $62 50. Judiciary, $131 00. For the defence of the colony, $48 00. Incidental expenses, $96 00. Making an amount total of $587 00,—leaving a balance in favour of the commonwealth this day, $789 17.

"These, gentlemen, are the matters respecting the state of the commonwealth which I have thought of importance to be submitted to your consideration; some others, no doubt, will arise in the course of your deliberations, that may require equal attention. I am happy, however, in this

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