Art. 4. The Board of Managers shall meet at least quarterly, and at such other times as may be judged necessary, on a call of the President, and devise and execute the best measures in their power for promoting the cause of African colonization and civilization, and increasing the resources of the Society. They shall have power to appoint an Executive Committee, to consist of seven members, including the Secretaries and Treasurer; to fill any vacancies that may occur in their number, and also to appoint Delegates annually to act as Directors in the Board of the American Colonization Society.

Art. 5. Any Society in the United States which shall contribute annually one hundred dollars to the Treasury of this Society, either in aid of the American Colonization Society, or the cause of African colonization or civilization by means to be chosen at the discretion of this Society, shall have the right to appoint annually a delegate to attend and vote at the meetings of the Society and Board of Managers; and any such Society, for each additional hundred dollars paid annually, the right of sending an additional delegate—and every individual paying annually not less than twenty-five dollars shall himself enjoy the rights of a delegate.

Art. 6. The funds of the Society, after defraying its expenses, shall be paid over to the Treasurer of the American Colonization Society, or expended under the direction of this Board for the colonization upon the coast of Africa of free persons of color with their own consent, or for the civilization of Africa.

Art. 7. The annual meeting of the Society shall be held in this District, at such place as the Board shall appoint, on the first Tuesday of January, when a report of its proceedings shall be presented, the officers of the Society elected, and any other business deemed necessary transacted.

Art. 8. Special meeting of this Society may be called by the President, or by any two of the managers, on giving notice of the time and place of such meetings by advertisement in some newspaper printed in the city of Washington.

The following preamble and resolution, submitted by the Reverend Mr. McVean, were unanimously adopted:

Whereas the plan of colonizing the people of color from this country on the continent of Africa, though commenced in weekness, yet in the course of twenty-five years, by the blessing of Almighty God upon the fostering care of wise and benevolent men, with the able, efficient, and persevering efforts of the Rev. R. R. Gurley, as an executive officer of the American Colonization Society for far the greater portion of its existence, has been eminently successful—the Colony of Liberia planted, its Government, based on the free principles of our own Republic, devised and matured, and which, from its importance, will doubtless at no distant day be recognised by civilized nations as an independent Government: and whereas, in consequence of restrictions placed upon his official relations, the late Corresponding Secretary of the American Colonization Society felt compelled to resign his connexion with that institution: and whereas it is of the first importance that the services of Mr. Gurley should not be lost to the great cause of African colonization; Therefore,

Resolved, That, confiding in the eminent ability, zeal, and truly philanthropic and patriotic spirit of the Rev. R. R. Gurley, now the Corresponding Secretary of this Society, we invite and request him to devote the current year to the advancement of the cause of African colonization, and we cheerfully recommend him to the confidence and support of all its friends throughout the Union, and hereby express our hope that they will afford him every facility and assistance in his endeavors to place the cause on such a basis as

will henceforth secure to it not only more liberal aid from benevolent individuals, but the aid and support of the several State Governments and of the General Government.

The Board then proceeded to elect four gentlemen who should, with the secretaries and treasurer, constitute the executive committee. That committee is composed of the following individuals:

Rev. James Laurie, D. D. — Rev. James McVean,
Rev. Charles B. Dana, — A. O. Dayton, Esq.
R. R. Gurley, *Corresponding Secretary.*
J. P. Ingle, Esq. *Recording Secretary.*
James Adams, Esq. *Treasurer.*

On motion of Rev. James McVean,

Resolved, That as the Rev. Mr. Gurley proposes to visit several of the States of this Union for the objects expressed in the Constitution of this Society, and to co-operate as it may be desired with societies in the several States for the same objects, and as such societies and many individuals may contribute in aid of the cause through this Society, this Board pledges itself to appropriate all funds paid into its treasury for the objects specified in the Constitution of the Society, or according to the directions of the donors.

The following resolutions offered by the Corresponding Secretary were then unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That in the opinion of this Board it is of the greatest importance that the magnitude and beneficence of the scheme of African colonization, and the true condition and prospects of the Colony of Liberia, should be made know to the whole American people, and the necessity of immediate, united, and liberal efforts to enlarge the territory and ensure the permanency and growth of that colony as an independent, republican, and Christian commonwealth.

Resolved, That the Executive Committee be requested to prepare and present at an early day a memorial to both Houses of Congress, inviting them to adopt such measures as they may judge most expedient to enable the Colony of Liberia to obtain exclusive jurisdiction over the whole line of the African coast from Cape Mount to Cape Palmas, as an end highly conducive to the interests of American commerce and to the overthrow of the African slave trade.

Resolved, That the Executive Committee be instructed to represent to State and other Colonization Societies throughout the country the views of this Board, and to invite them to co-operate in applications for the preceding objects to the Congress of the United States, and for the advancement of the cause of African colonization to their respective State Legislatures.

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Alexandria—Rev. Elias Harrison, Rev. Charles B. Dana, Rev. James T. Johnston, Messrs. Robert Jamieson, Benoni Wheat, John Withers, and James Van Zandt.

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