OUR ANNUAL EXPEDITION.

The first day of November is fixed upon as usual, for the sailing of the fall expedition, and we are now able very nearly to estimate the results of the past eight months labour of our travelling agent.

The *canvass*, (to use a current term in these times, and we can find none better,) between him and the emissaries of abolitionism has been a tedious and warm one. Attended by Major Wood of Cape Palmas he has visited every county on the Eastern Shore, together with Harford, attended by appointment various public meetings, and conversed freely with the free colored people in private. To every candid man, every sincere lover of truth, and every true friend of his own race, the statements of Major Wood respecting the colony and its inhabitants, based on sixteen years residence in Africa, have carried conviction of the utility and humanity of the scheme of colonization. But there is a class which no arguments or facts can affect or influence; the wiseacres, the plantation and village black *lawyers*, a majority of the preachers, and the correspondents of northern abolitionists, who maintain an undeserved influence over the more sober and industrious; with such nothing can be done. They know all about Liberia, Georgia, Big Snakes and African fever; they are kept posted up by such men as Torry, Garrison & Co. and their Baltimore colored agents, with all anti-colonization arguments. The conceit and insolence of these men, proved entirely too much for the patience and equanimity of Major Wood, and he declares, as has every other Liberian who has visited America, that no circumstances could induce him ever again to urge the coloured people of Maryland to emigrate. Notwithstanding all the annoyances experienced from this source, however, the visit of Major Wood to this country has been productive of much good. Independent of those who have concluded to emigrate the present season, many have been induced to take the matter into serious consideration, and have determined at once to set about extricating themselves from circumstances which now bind them to this country, and prepare to emigrate at some future period. Although it is not probable that the expedition will be as large as the two last preceding, yet any deficiency of numbers will be more than compensated for, by the character and standing of the emigrants; many of whom are well educated for their class, have a high reputation for industry, integrity and mental capacity. Let it be recollected by all who have entered their names, and all friends of the cause, interested in any who are to emigrate this season, that the vessel will positively sail on the 1st of November.

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LATEST FROM CAPE PALMAS.

We have received by Barque Pilot, of Boston, advices from Cape Palmas as late as the fifteenth of May, at which time the colony was in its usual healthy and prosperous condition. Very important advances have recently been made in opening a free communication with the interior tribes. The circumstances which led to this are not a little interesting, and serve to show that African monarchs and statesmen, in the science of diplomacy, are not so very far behind those of Christendom. It will be recollected that in the first purchase of territory at Cape Palmas, the treaty was made with the tribes bordering on the beach, and that no intercourse whatever was held with the chiefs of the interior, who were represented to the colonists as being hostile to the settlement, and averse to free intercourse with it; and they in turn were made to believe that the policy and intent of the government of the colony would prove exceedingly injurious to their country. This double deception has actually been kept up for nearly ten years. That the game should have been successful for a while, before any of the colonists had learned to speak the Grebo language, and all intercourse with the Bush people was through a native interpreter, is not to be wondered at; but, as many colonists have for the past six years understood the language, and have been present at the palavers between the natives and colonists, we are astonished that the deception should not have been sooner discovered; and we must say, that it reflects no great credit upon the capacity and shrewdness of the colonists. Even the murder of Parker, which our readers will recollect was perpetrated by the Barrakah people, a tribe some 8 or 10 miles distant, was instigated by our liege king Freeman and Yellow Will, head man and chief interpreter to the governor; and many other minor palavers between the colonists and Bush people, have been projected and brought about by the natives, in order to perpetuate this misunderstanding. How they got at the truth of the matter and discovered the treachery of Yellow Will, whether by the miscarriage of some plan of his, or by a long train of circumstances, we have not been informed. But the fact is, the mists have cleared away, and instead of being surrounded by a cordon of enemies, the colonists find themselves greeted on every side by warm friends.

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