form combination against the interests of the slaveholder, against the laws of the country, and against the peace of the Commonwealth—yet, these are the characters that the *Standard* invites to come among us to press out the mechanical slave labor of the country; and, in order to buy them over, we are told that we must '*give them* slaves,' and leave our native mechanics to do the best they can. Truly, 'a prophet is not without honor, save in his own country.'"

(From the Christian Advocate and Journal.)

THE GOLD COAST.

The Rev. Thomas B. Freeman, superintendent of the Wesleyan missions in West Africa, left Cape Coast on the 6th of May last, on a visit to the kingdom of Dahomi, for the purpose of gaining the consent of the king to the establishment of a mission in his territory. He returned from his journey on the 30th of June, and in a letter written July 5th, says: "I reached home last Thursday evening, after a long and fatiguing journey from Dahomi, all the way by land, and am now under the influence of a wearisome reaction, after having ridden some four hundred and fifty miles on horseback. I feel quite unequal to the task of writing a long letter; but will send a full account of all things by the next mail. The King of Dahomi received us very kindly, and has met our wishes in all general matters relating to our new missions at Whydah. The Whydah Circuit will also contain stations at the two important towns of Porto Novo and little Popo. Thus, by God's mercy, we have succeeded in planting ourselves in the midst of these slave-dealing states. We expect many difficulties in our progress in those regions; but the Lord reigneth.'" He states that "the slave trade is still seriously existing" in Dahomi.

TRAVELLING AGENT'S REPORT FOR SEPTEMBER, 1854.

Dr. James Hall, *Dear Sir*:—I send you herewith an account of the contributions made to the funds of the Maryland State Colonization Society, during the month of September, with the names of the respective donors:

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Respectfully submitted, John Seys, *Travelling Agent.*

Baltimore, September 30, 1854.

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RECENT INTELLIGENCE FROM CAPE PALMAS AND LIBERIA.

By the Bark Shirley which arrived in New York on the 18th inst. we have the most full and satisfactory advices from the new state of Maryland in Liberia. It appears the Constitution has been adopted by the people, and the new government organized under it. This we were able to assure our readers in our last No. We now lay before them the inaugural address of their first governor, W. A. Prout. We publish it without alteration or comment, hoping that it may give evidence of ability claimed for Governor Prout by his friends.

We have advices from the Society's new agent, Jacob T. Gibson, Esq. from whose labors in his new office we anticipate the most happy results.

We give full extracts from the Liberia Herald of different dates, not embracing much of news, but communications from different citizens upon subjects of no little importance in this little Republic.

FALL EXPEDITION.

The Ship Euphrasia is now loading and will receive emigrants on the 1st, and sail via Hampton Roads for the different settlements of Liberia. It is a source of the deepest regret to us that so few go from our State. When will the dead mass move, the dry bones begin to revive? On every hand we hear complaints of times growing harder and harder, this and that calling monopolised by the greedy foreigner—still no general movement. But come it must sooner or later—certain as death.

INAUGURAL ADDRESS OF GOV. PROUT.

Fellow Citizens of the Senate and House of Delegates:

Your present session is the first which succeeding ages will find noted in the annals of the history of the State of Maryland in Liberia. The tender plant which was set in the earth over twenty years ago, and whose feebleness required shelter, nursing and protection, against the too forcible and overpowering influences of external elements, has thrown off its veil, and now stands unmasked in the light of the noon-day sun. Unshackeled by foreign powers and respected by friends abroad, it is in your power, gentlemen, to act wisely and deliberately in the establishment of wholesome laws, for the improve-

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