the progress of the rising nation—and render our beloved land a scene of discord and tyranny. And here I may be permitted to state my honest conviction that so long as this state of things continues Liberia cannot fully meet the expectation of her friends abroad in exerting a redeeming and recuperative influence upon the surrounding natives—excepting perhaps so far as her example and authority may operate upon them. She will always have enough to do to suppress and counteract the demoralizing and degenerating influence of ignorance among our own citizens. It is impossible to disguise the fact that emigrations to Liberia from the U. S. are generally composed of persons not at all calculated to assume the duties and responsibilities of citizens of a free government, and therefore much less qualified to *redeem a continent*—persons who, having spent the greater portion of their lives in servile situations, if not in hard bondage are themselves barely civilized. If Liberians then would see their country prosper,—if they would see her advance to national importance. If they would not see her dissevered into a thousand pieces—and become an object of scorn to the world—a reproach to the entire colored race. If they would see Africa "elevated, redeemed and disenthrailed" they must inspire their children with a sense of the importance of knowledge—teaching them that in efficiency it is "*Power*" and in value above the price of rubies—and therefore should be appreciated and driven after wherever and by whomsoever proffered.

Before we conclude. Mr. Herald we beg to say that you must not—from the foregoing remarks understand us as slighting your advice that "*the people of Liberia must help themselves*," *&c.*

We sincerely believe and constantly advocate the doctrine of true independence, but this should not induce us to refuse or neglect offered aid, especially when we are in need of it. It is the part of wisdom to accept of and appreciate it. We would not regard a man in indigent circumstances as wise who, on the ground, that he must be independent would refuse assistance tendered to him,—such conduct would be extremely foolish and the man would be deserving of no sympathy. Let us then while we endeavor to maintain a proper spirit of independence—not slight assistance from abroad.

ALEXANDRIAN.

SPORTING EXPEDITION.

A short time since a party of three gentlemen from this place went on an expedition up the Messurado for the purpose of sport. Arriving at the destined spot nine miles, they landed, and after solacing themselves with various creature comforts that they had provided themselves with, and making preparations for the morrow, they rolled themselves up in their blankets and slept as only sportsmen can sleep—before dawn they were aroused by those they had engaged to mark various species of game. A dip in the Messurado, a cup of coffee, and a segar having braced up their nerves they felt themselves equal to any encounter. They then followed their guides to a spot where a number of Chimpanzies had been seen the previous day. On arriving near the place a sudden exclamation from one of the party induced the others to stop and see what was the matter; on looking round an immense brute in the shape of an Old Man Chimpanzie was observed in a threatening attitude, they (the party) immediately placed themselves in battle array and poured in a volley which staggered the Old Boy; he however soon recovered himself and made a most infuriated charge upon the person nearest to him (a round paunchy little gentleman) and with an immense branch of a tree which he seized, he fell the unfortunate sportsman to the ground; he then rushed to the encounter with the others, when a well directed volley poured in brought the old fellow to the ground; on examining him, we found he measured four feet eleven inches and his muscular proportions were almost incredible: we then paid attention to our unfortunate fellow sportsman, whose wounds we found to be very slight, and with the aid of a little brandy applied externally and internally, he was soon in a state to accompany us further. We then proceeded some distance without seeing anything, till one of our guides who had gone ahead returned, and by his signs and words, gave us to understand there was game ahead; we very cautiously followed him for about one half of a mile when by his violent gesticulations we were led to expect we were in the immediate neighborhood of it, we, by his direction, crawled some distance upon our hands and knees and on our looking through the bushes could see at the distance of about seventy yards a herd of fine deer seven or eight in number of the elk species. We then agreed that each should single out a particular one, and was taking deliberate aim, and on the point of firing, when the aforesaid little gentleman was seized with a violent convulsion of the nose, and began sneezing in a most terrific manner, which immediately put to flight the whole herd; several shots were fired, and various deer were declared to be struck, but none left on the field; the party then commenced abusing the unfortunate little paunchy, who ultimately made his peace by saying he would stand a champagne dinner.

The sun having now become intensely hot we bethought us of the most expeditious way of returning, and our guides jogging on ahead, we proceeded in a jovial humor towards our place of embarkation, when all at once in the open, up jumped a red deer when all the firearms were brought to bear upon him, and a regular volley poured in, the unfortunate brute dropt, all hands declaring they had struck him in such and such a place, but on examining it, only one ball appeared to have struck, and that on the back of the head; however we shouldered our game and proceeded onwards without any further adventure. We then jumped into our boat and after strengthening the inward man with such good things as we had, commenced our homeward passage—on our way we passed a snake in the water and fire-arms were again in requisition, when the unfortunate little paunchy with his usual precision of fire, commenced with a revolving rifle and each succeeding shot fell in closer and closer proximity to the boat, and had there been many more to fire doubtless would have been too near to be harmless—at any rate the snake escaped, and we made our way home, much pleased with our days amusement, and at a future day intend to make another excursion on a more extended scale, and should it prove agreeable, dear Mr. Editor, we will transmit our further explour.

Yours, &c.

ONE OF THE PARTY.

VISIT TO KENT ISLAND

BY THE TRAVELLING AGENT.

DR. JAMES HALL,

Dear Sir:—I have just returned from a very pleasant visit to Kent Island, where I have been presenting the claims of African Colonization to both the white and colored population of the place; and I take pleasure in reporting that such was the favor with which our cause was received, that the sum of *seventy-one* dollars was contributed most cheerfully towards its funds.

This beautiful little Island in the Chesapeake Bay is a part of Queen Anne County and consequently belongs to the Eastern Shore of Maryland. One would not be long in discovering this, for that hospitality for which the people of that shore are proverbial welcomes the stranger every where among these kind Islanders. I thought so when I visited them in 1852, but during

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