To the Honorable

The General Assembly of Maryland:

The Board of State Colonization Managers have the honor respectfully to submit the following Report—

That by the Act of January session 1852, chapter 202, the Board of State Colonization Managers, as originally authorized to be appointed by the Act of December session 1831, chapter 281, was continued in existence for the term of six years, with the same powers and duties which devolved upon them by the provisions of said last mentioned Act. The Report upon which the Act of 1852 was founded, contained a thorough examination of the whole subject of Colonization; and the renewal of the State's appropriation thereto, gave the most emphatic sanction and approval to the course of policy which had previously been pursued by the Board of State Managers, and which had by them been in their various Reports to the General Assembly set forth and explained in the fullest manner. It had been shewn that, after several years experience, the Board had become convinced, that they could most efficiently and most economically act in the matter of transporting emigrants to Africa, and of making proper provision for their reception and establishment there, by operating through the Maryland State Colonization Society, a body incorporated at the same session which created the Board of State Managers, as a part of the means devised to carry out the same great plan, and of which society the persons selected by the Executive to constitute the State Board, were required to be members. In accordance with this policy, it has been shewn, that from the year 1838 inclusive, to the end of the year 1851, when the Act of 1831 expired by its own limitation, the Managers of the State Fund, as such, made no shipments of emigrants, or provision for their settlement in Africa, these objects having been accomplished through the medium of the Maryland State Society, of the Board of Managers of which the State Managers are members, having thus a full knowledge of, and having given their approval to all measures of any importance which that Society have adopted.

The Board of State Managers deem it unnecessary in this Report to give a detailed account of the proceedings of the State Society during the past two years, respectfully asking leave, as heretofore, to refer your Hon. Body to the Reports and Documents published by the Maryland State Society, for ample and interesting information as to the history, progress and present condition of the Colony of Maryland in Liberia. This is now a self-governed and independent State; but the Maryland State Society, though they have relinquished all claim whatever to political supremacy over it, still enjoy all the necessary rights and privileges, to enable them as they have hitherto done, to transport thither the Free Colored people of this State, and to endow them on their arrival there with land for their abiding homes.

The number of manumissions in this State, since the 1st of January, 1854, as reported to this Board is 314, of which 115 were to take immediate effect, and 199 were prospective. The entire number reported to the Board, since their organization in 1832, has been 4,877, of which 1,839 were immediate, and 3,038 prospective, or conditional. The amount drawn by the State Managers from the Treasury, from the 1st January, 1854, to the 1st January, 1856, is twenty thousand dollars, making the total amount drawn since the passage of the Act of 1852, forty thousand dollars. The whole of this amount has been and is being expended by the Maryland State Colonization Society, under the inspection of the Board of State Managers, in the removal of free persons of Color from Maryland to Africa, and in providing for their establishment and support as far as is necessary, according to the provisions of the several Acts of the General Assembly above mentioned.

The Board respectfully ask leave to refer to the Report of the Maryland State Colonization Society for the year 1856, for such further information as it might otherwise have been proper herein more fully to set forth.

Respectfully submitted,

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State Colonization Managers.

Md. State Colonization Office,
Baltimore, January 1st, 1856.

STEAM ENGINE AND SUGAR MILL.

The fact being fully established that many small farmers in Liberia have plots of sugar-cane, which, though of excellent quality, cannot be manufactured into sugar, by their present machinery, without an expense beyond its market value, some liberal and true friends in New York, have concluded to remove this great difficulty, by procuring and sending out a small steam engine and sugar mill, to be rented for common use on some plan of toll, or by some parties to purchase the cane on shares. The plan had not been perfected to an extent to enable all the preparations to be made in season to forward the machinery by the bark Lamartine, but it is now intended to send them by the earliest opportunity which may offer, perhaps by the General Pierce, now in our harbor, with palm oil from Liberia.—*N. Y. Col. Journal.*

LIBERIA COFFEE.

By the brig General Pierce we received from Liberia *ten bags* of very superior coffee, from the farm of the President of Liberia, Stephen A. Benson.

Hitherto the coffee of the world has chiefly been the product of slave labor. The immense mortality among the slaves of Brazil has decreased the production to such an extent as to very much increase the price in the market, which is likely to be felt more and more, until by its great value free labor can be engaged to raise it at a paying price.

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