appended hereto, and will afford the information which, at this time, may be desirable. The trustees have not yet collected all the securities assigned to them by Mr. Stevens, and until this is done, their accounts must necessarily remain open, and it will not be in their power to make a final report. They have reason to believe, however, that it will not be long before their collections will be completed, when they propose, in addition to the report which will then be made, to hand to the Board a volume which they have had prepared, and in which will be found recorded, not only their own proceedings, but the entire correspondence, as well that which was held with Mr. Stevens, by any person, touching his donation, as that which grew, otherwise, out of the duties of the trustees; the whole forming a narrative not without its interest, and which, the trustees feel sure, will be preserved among the archives of the Board as bearing honorable testimony to the character and liberality of a GENTLEMAN OF MARYLAND.

In the interim, however, there is one point to which the trustees desire to call the attention of the Board. The trust they hold, they look upon as technical in its terms and character, now that the vessel has been built and is in charge of a captain appointed by the Board, to which she was in fact delivered by the trustees when he took possession of her. This being so, the future management of the ship, in port and out of port, will devolve on the Board and the Executive Committee; and the trustees, while they continue in existence as holding the legal title to the ship, and for the purpose of seeing her appropriated to the uses for which she was built, respectfully suggest that she may be considered by the Board as hereafter under the charge of the American Colonization Society; on which devolves, through its proper officers, to carry out, in her use, the intentions of the donor.

All which is respectfully submitted,

JOHN H. B. LATROBE, Chairman, &c.

On motion, this report was referred to the special committee on the Society's ship.

The president announced the remainder of the Standing Committees, as follows:

Committee on Finance—Messrs. W. McLain, Doggett and Cowan.

Committee on Auxiliary Societies—Messrs. Cummins, McLain and Rockwell.

Committee on Emigration—Messrs. Tracy, Gurley and Sampson.

On motion of Rev. Mr. Pinney, the annual Report of the Society was referred to a special committee of three, for revision, with a view to its publication, and to designate portions to be read at the anniversary celebration this evening.

Rev. Mr. Pinney, Dr. Maclean, and Mr. Reed, were appointed said committee.

Rev. Mr. Gurley submitted the following resolution, which, on his motion, was laid upon the table for the present:

Resolved, That the Secretary of the Navy be informed that, in the view of this Board, American commerce as well as humanity, are deeply interested in the prosecution and completion by the government of the explorations of the countries interior from Liberia, as commenced under direction of the Navy Department by Lt. Lynch, and that it be respectfully suggested to the Hon. Secretary, that should he be pleased to instruct the commander of our squadron on the African Coast, alone or in company with some duly appointed agent of the government, to visit and examine various points of that coast, to ascertain the nature of the harbors and rivers, the character of the people, the productions and resources of the countries thus visited, their advantages for trade, and make full report on these subjects to the government, great benefit might be secured to our commerce and to the cause of African civilization.

The Standing Committee on Agencies presented a report upon the communication from the Corresponding Secretary of the Indiana State Board of Colonization.

It having been moved to accept this report, after a very long discussion, the Rev. Mr. Samson moved to refer the whole subject back to the committee for further consideration, to which motion the Board did not agree.

On motion of the Rev. Dr. Haight, the further consideration of the motion to accept the report was postponed until this afternoon.

The Rev. Dr. Maclean presented the following report from the Standing Committee on Foreign Relations:

The Committee on Foreign Relations respectfully recommend the adoption of the following resolutions—

1. *Resolved*, That this Board have learned, with the highest satisfaction, that a treaty of commerce and amity has been recently made by the Governments of Liberia and Cape Palmas; and they indulge the hope, that this treaty is the precurser of a closer alliance between these two governments; and that a federal government, after the model of that of the United States, and like the latter capable of indefinite expansion, will soon be organized by the free and independent states already established upon the western coast of Africa.

2. *Resolved*, That it is a source of unfeigned delight to the friends of African colonization, that the Republic of Liberia has received from several of the leading governments of Europe assurances of their friendly feelings; and that the Republic has been enabled to form with these governments, and also with the free cities of Europe, treaties of commerce, upon the most liberal terms.

3. *Resolved*, That this Board feel assured that the kindest feelings are entertained by the people of the United Stafes towards the Republics of Western Africa; and that the time is not far distant when our government will give more direct evidence of these kind feelings than they have yet done, by a distinct recognition of the independence of these Republics;--the delay in this matter not being the result of any hostile feeling on the part of our people and government to these Republics, but arising from the peculiar state of things for a few years past among ourselves.

On motion, the report was accepted, and the resolutions recommended therein adopted.

On motion, *Resolved*, That when this Board adjourn, it adjourn to meet in the Colonization Rooms this afternoon at 5 o'clock.

The Board then, on motion, adjourned.

AFTERNOON SESSION,

Jan. 22, 5 o'clock P. M.

The Board met according to adjournment.

The minutes of this morning's session were read and approved.

The Board proceeded to the consideration of the report of the Standing Committee on Agencies relative to the application from the Secretary of the Indiana Board.

On motion, the report was referred back to the committee, who subsequently presented their report as follows:

The committee to whom was referred the letter of Mr. Mitchell, Secretary of the State Colonization Board of Indiana, respectfully report, that existing, as there ever has done, very friendly relations between this Board and that in Indiana, it has not been supposed that the agent appointed for that State would interfere with any arrangements of the Indiana Board; that it is understood that the Indiana Board designs to act through and mainly by the agency of this Society, in the colonization enterprise; and therefore, before any

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