any rate, all interest in colonization seemed to die out for the time; nor was it revived until Robert S. Finley, the son of the founder of the American Colonization Society, came to Baltimore in 1832 and undertook its advocacy with a rare and peculiar eloquence that attracted crowds to hear him. He infused a new spirit into the old friends of the cause; and at a meeting held by them on the 22nd of February, 1832, the following preamble and resolutions were adopted:

"Whereas this meeting is of opinion that the plan of establishing a colony of free colored people from the United States has been proved to be perfectly practicable, through the zealous, unwavering and philanthropic exertions of the American Colonization Society; and whereas, greater concentration of effort and multiplication of resources than have hitherto been obtained, are obviously necessary to secure the ultimate accomplishment of the great object in view, the removal of the free people of color with their own consent to Africa; and whereas, it is deemed expedient to endeavor to apply the means that may be raised in Maryland to the removal of the free people of color of Maryland; and whereas, it is considered that such well known application of these means will ensure a great increase in their amount, and thus materially advance the great aim of the

Society—therefore, resolved, that this meeting will proceed to form itself into a State Colonization Society, auxiliary to the American Colonization Society at Washington, and that its efforts shall be devoted under the auspices of that Society, to the removal of the free people of color with their own consent to Africa."

Messrs. J. H. B. Latrobe, Peter Hoffman and Dr. Samuel Baker were then appointed a committee to prepare a constitution, which was subsequently adopted and which was the foundation of the system of independent State action under which colonization was afterwards carried on in Maryland by "The Maryland State Colonization Society," which was the name given to the association.[1]

The first act of the Board of Managers on the 27th of March, 1831, was to resolve to despatch an expedition to Liberia in the following June, and the Secretary was directed to correspond with the Parent Society to obtain such documents as would entitle emigrants from Maryland, on their arrival

[1] The officers of the Society were George Hoffman, First President, Thomas Ellicott, Second, and Nicholas Brice, Third President; Alexander Nesbit, Thomas E. Bond, Nathaniel Williams, Vice Presidents; John Hoffman, Treasurer; James Howard, Secretary; Moses Sheppard, Peter Hoffman, Gen'l Samuel McDonald, Alexander Fridge, Dr. Samuel Baker, Peter Neff, Charles Howard, Solomon Etting, J. J. Harrod, John Gibson, Edward J. Coale, and John H. B. Latrobe, Managers; Dr. Eli Ayres, Agent; Solomon Etting, Moses Sheppard and Charles Howard, Executive Committee.

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16. Maryland in Liberia, by J.H.B.Latrobe, March 9, 1885, Baltimore