appearance in Baltimore on his way to Washington, to meet the Directors of the American Colonization Society, it may readily be understood with what satisfaction he was received, especially when he expressed his readiness to return to Africa at once, if required, to take charge of the proposed expedition. It was this and his subsequent intercourse with the members of the Board of Managers that led the committee to recommend him as the agent for the occasion; although it was not until the 9th of September that he was formally appointed.[1]

When it was ascertained on the arrival of Dr. Hall in Baltimore in June, that he would accept

[1] In a letter addressed, more than fifty years afterwards, to the African Repository for October, 1885, Dr. Hall, speaking of his appointment, says: "This proposal the writer could not forbear accepting, although fully sensible of the responsibility of the undertaking and the many chances of failure in the execution of the task to the satisfaction of the Society or even of himself. In the first place his heart was in the cause, not exactly of colonization but of Liberia. By a residence of two years at Monrovia he had imbibed a deep interest in the colony and formed most friendly relations with many of its citizens, especially Russwurm, McGill, Roberts, Day and many others. Without vanity or overestimate of his ability, he felt that he could better execute the task than any other man they could or would be likely to obtain; and that from his peculiar fitness therefor. His early training before and while acquiring his profession had made him familiar with business; and in Africa he had acquired knowledge most invaluable and important for the position. He had attended scarcely less than one thousand cases of African fever. He was familiar with the African trade, with the peculiarities and habits of the natives, well acquainted with the colonists, and able to make good selections of suitable assistants, and more than all, had visited the towns on the entire coastline to and including the point proposed for settlement.

the leadership of the proposed undertaking, the next thing to be done was to secure the requisite pecuniary means for carrying it on. This was afforded by the Commissioners of the State Fund, who, on the 9th of July, sent the following reply to a note addressed to them on the 7th.

"Whereas, this Board have come to the conclusion, after a full and mature consideration, that it will not be prudent or judicious to send any emigrants to Monrovia this year owing to the circumstances of the colony; and they have no assurance that the colony will be, for some time to come, able to receive as many emigrants as the Board have reason to think will be prepared to leave the State of Maryland.

"And whereas, the Maryland State Colonization Society have it in contemplation to establish another settlement on the coast which would afford great facilities for the reception of emigrants from Maryland, but find themselves unable to accomplish that object without an advance of funds on the part of this Board, therefore

"Resolved, that the Board will pay in advance to the Managers of the Maryland State Colonization Society the sum of $30 for every emigrant which that Society will undertake to transport from Maryland to Africa during the present year, and provide for their arrival in that country.

"Resolved, that the Board will loan to the Society such further sum as will, together with

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