ADDRESS

OF THE

BOARD OF MANAGERS

OF THE

Maryland State Colonization Society.

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The Board of Managers of the Maryland State Colonization Society have deemed it proper, at this time, to anticipate the usual period of their Annual Report: and in the address which they now submit to the members of the Society, and the friends of Colonization generally, they propose to state particularly what they have done in the execution of the trust reposed in them, with a view of obtaining that co-operation and assistance which are essential to the successful prosecution of their labors.

It is already known that the Maryland State Colonization Society was formed in January, 1831, auxiliary to the objects of the American Colonization Society; but differing from all other auxiliaries, inasmuch as its constitution required, that the funds raised in Maryland should be appropriated, by the Society, within the limits of the state. Immediately after its organization, an agent was appointed to form auxiliaries and disseminate information upon the subject. In October, 1831, the Orion was fitted out by the State Society in Baltimore, and sailed for Monrovia, with Dr. James Hall and thirty-one emigrants. At the December session of the Legislature succeeding, the state embarked nobly in the