

# MARYLAND GAZETTE.

Annapolis, Thursday, Jan. 29.

The Communication from Westminster, addressed to a member of the House of Delegates, cannot be inserted on any terms.

At a meeting of the citizens of Annapolis, a number of the members of the Legislature, and others then in the city, in the room of the House of Delegates, on the evening of the 24th instant, for the purpose of considering a plan for colonizing the free people of colour in the United States.

The honourable WILLIAM KILTY, was called to the chair, and HENRY H. CHAPMAN, Esq., appointed secretary.

The object of the meeting was fully explained by the honourable John C. Herbert and Francis S. Key, deputies from the general society; and also by Robert G. Harper, Esq. in doing which those gentlemen, in a display of talents and eloquence peculiar to themselves, most impressively manifested the policy of such a measure as it regarded the community, and its humanity as it concerned the unfortunate race of mankind on whom it was intended to operate.

The following resolutions were then proposed, and unanimously adopted:

1. Resolved, That it is expedient now to form a society, auxiliary to the American Colonization Society.

2. Resolved, That a committee be appointed to frame a constitution for this purpose, and that the committee consist of five, to be selected by the chair.

The Revd. Mr. Davis, Messrs. A. C. Magruder, James Boyle, Jeremiah Hughes, and Henry Maynadier, having been appointed members of the said committee they retired, and after some time reported the following constitution:

Article I.—The society shall be called A Society in the State of Maryland, auxiliary to "The American Society for colonizing the free people of colour of the United States."

Article II.—The object to which its attention is to be exclusively directed, is to promote and execute a plan for colonizing (with their consent) the free people of colour (residing in our country) in Africa, or such other place as Congress shall deem most expedient; and to effect this object the society shall act in cooperation with the parent society.

Article III.—Every citizen of the state of Maryland who shall make known his wishes to be a member, to the board of managers, and shall annually pay one dollar to the fund of the society, shall be a member, and on paying a sum not less than twenty dollars at one subscription, he shall be a member for life.

Article IV.—The officers of the society shall be a president, nineteen vice presidents, a secretary, a treasurer, a recorder, a board of managers composed of the above named officers, and twelve other members of the society. They shall be elected by the members of the society, at their annual meeting in Annapolis, on the second Monday in December, and continue to discharge their respective duties till others shall be appointed.

Article V.—It shall be the duty of the President to preside at all meetings of the Society, and of the Board of Managers, and to call meetings of the Society, and of the Board, when he thinks necessary, or when required by any three members of the board.

Article VI.—The Vice Presidents, according to seniority, shall discharge these duties in the absence of the President.

Article VII.—The Secretary shall take minutes of the proceedings, prepare and publish notices, and discharge such other duties as the Board, or the President, or in his absence the Vice President, according to seniority, (when the Board is not sitting) shall direct. And the Recorder shall record the proceedings and the names of the members, and discharge such other duties as may be required of him.

Article VIII.—The Treasurer shall receive and take charge of the funds of the Society, under such security as may be prescribed by the Board of Managers; keep the accounts, and exhibit a statement of receipts and expenditures at every annual meeting, and discharge such other duties as may be required of him.

Article IX.—The Board of Managers shall meet on the first Monday in January, the first Monday in April, the first Monday in July, and the first Monday in October, every year and at such other times as the President may direct. They shall conduct the business of the Society, and take such measures for effecting its object as they shall think proper, or shall be directed at the meetings of the Society, and make an annual report of their proceedings. They shall also fill up all vacancies occurring during the year, and make such by-laws for their government as they may deem necessary, provided the same are not repugnant to this constitution.

Article X.—The President, or in his absence, one of the Vice Presidents, and seven of the Managers, shall be a quorum to transact business.

The Constitution being adopted, the following persons were appointed officers of the Society:

The Hon. J. T. Chase, President  
The Hon. Wm. Kilty, 1st. V. P.  
Thomas Blakiston Esq 2d V. P.  
William Spencer Esq 3d  
Richard Graham Esq 4th  
Nicholas Stonestreet Esq 5th  
Doct. Thomas Johnson 6th  
Daniel Martin Esq 7th  
James Murray Esq 8th  
Benjamin W. Lecompte Esq 9th  
Mathew Pearce Esq 10th  
William D. Digges Esq 11th  
Kinsey Harrison Esq 12th  
Ephraim K. Wilson Esq 13th  
Roger B. Lacey Esq 14th  
Charles S. Sewall Esq 15th  
William Hughlett Esq 16th  
Thomas Kennedy Esq 17th  
George C. Washington Esq 18th and  
James Tidball Esq 19th  
A. C. Magruder, Secretary.  
Jona. Pinkney, Treasurer, and  
John Brewer, Recorder.

Twelve other members of the society as part of the Board of Managers.

The Rev. H. L. Davis, The Rev. Lewis Fechtig, Messrs. Jeremiah Hughes, Henry Maynadier, James Boyle, Francis Hollingsworth, Daniel Murray, Virgil Maxey, John Stephen, Nicholas J. Watkins, G. Shaw, and Doct. Dennis Claude.

Attest—  
William Kilty, Chairman.  
H. H. Chapman, Secretary.

From the National Intelligencer, of Jan. 16.

## COLONIZATION SOCIETY.

The Society for Colonizing the Free People of Colour held its first anniversary on Thursday the first day of January, 1818, in the Chamber of the House of Representatives; and it will be worthy of note, if on no other account, from the fame and talents of the individuals, whose influence & exertions have been blended to achieve the objects of the society. Nor can any subject more justly enoble the efforts of genius, than the interests of an institution, grasping so wide a field of patriotism and humanity. But to those patrons of it, whose gracious endeavours it was begun and advanced, it must have been eminently gratifying to find, in the report of the proceedings of the past year, such abundant proofs of its prosperity & improvement. The concurrence of every part of the country to strengthen and establish it, leaves no doubt that the warmest wishes of the philanthropist will be satisfied with the success of its issue. The succeeding publications, however, will best illustrate the views and resources of the Society.

The meeting was opened by the Hon. BUSHROD WASHINGTON, with the following perspicuous and elegant Address:

"It is with peculiar satisfaction that I meet the founders and patrons of the American Colonization Society, after the experience of a year has ascertained that their wise and benevolent purpose will be seconded by the voice of our common country.

From every quarter of the United States the aspirations of good men have been breathed to Heaven for the success of our future labours.

The resolution of Virginia, soliciting the aid of the General Government in effecting a similar object, which had passed the popular branch of her legislature by a very large majority, before the organization of this Society, received, shortly after, the almost unanimous sanction of her Senate.

Auxiliary Societies have been formed in many parts of the country, and in the populous cities of New-York, Philadelphia and Baltimore, for the purpose of co-operating with the parent society established at the seat of the General

Government; and many similar exertions await only the measures which the President of the United States may be expected to take, in pursuance of the request of Virginia, to embody themselves & to combine the resources of the Union for the completion of our comprehensive and benevolent design.

Among a small but opulent society of slave holders in Virginia, a subscription has been raised, by the zealous exertions of a few individuals, of such magnitude, as to allurate the extent of the funds which we may hope hereafter to command, and to induce a confident hope that our labours will be rewarded by the willing contributions of a generous and enlightened people.

Other public spirited individuals have forborne to make similar efforts, until the success of our preparatory measures shall have been clearly ascertained.

The Society have engaged two agents to explore the western coast of Africa, and to collect such information as may assist the government of the United States in selecting a suitable district on that continent for the proposed settlement. The performance of this preliminary duty has been confided to Samuel J. Mills and Ebenezer Burgess, gentlemen possessing all the qualifications requisite for the important trust confided to them; and their report may reasonably be expected before the next annual meeting of the Society.

The addition which has recently been made to our stock of knowledge of that continent, to which every eye is directed as the proper theatre of our future labours, is highly encouraging to that enlarged and beneficent plan, which associates the political emancipation and future comfort of an unfortunate class of men, with the civilization and the happiness of an afflicted, oppressed, and degraded quarter of our globe.

Amidst these encouraging prospects, I cannot forbear a momentary tribute of regret to the memory of a man, to whom Africa is indebted for a vindication of her capacity for moral and intellectual improvement, and the world for an illustrious example of disinterested benevolence. This event is the more to be deplored, as the death of capt. Paul Coffee occurred after his usefulness had been recently manifested, by the restoration of fifty of his countrymen to the land of their forefathers; an act which must afford to every christian society fresh cause of gratitude to that God who inspired this generous African to execute the counsels of universal benevolence.

An effort has been unfortunately made to prejudice the minds of the free people of colour against this institution, which had its origin, it is believed, in an honest desire to promote their happiness. A suggestion has been made to them, which this society disclaims by the terms of its constitution, that they are to be constrained to migrate to the country which may be selected for the seat of our colony.—No suspicion can be more ungrounded.—It is sanctioned by no declarations or acts of this society from which alone our intentions can be candidly inferred.

As little can be apprehended by the proprietor, who will not voluntarily avail himself of the opportunity, which this settlement will afford him, of emancipating his slaves without injury to his country. The effect of this institution, if its prosperity shall equal our wishes, will be alike propitious to every interest of our domestic society; and should it lead, as we may fairly hope it will, to the slow but gradual abolition of slavery, it will wipe from our political institutions the only blot which stains them; and in patination of which, we shall not be at liberty to plead the excuse of moral necessity, until we shall have honestly exerted all the means which we possess for its extinction.

In the magnificent plans now carrying on for the improvement and happiness of mankind, in many parts of the world, we cannot but discern the interposition of that Almighty power, who alone could inspire and crown with success these great purposes. But, amongst them all, there is perhaps none upon which we may more confidently implore the blessing of heaven than that in which we are now associated. Whether we consider the grandeur of the object, and the wide sphere of philanthropy which it embraces; or whether we view the present state of its progress under the auspices of this society, and under the obstacles which might have been expected from the cupidity of many,

we may discover in each, a certain pledge, that the same benignant hand which has made these preparatory arrangements, will crown our efforts with success. Having, therefore, these motives of piety to consecrate and strengthen the powerful considerations which a wise policy suggest, we may, I trust, confidently rely upon the liberal exertions of the public for the necessary means of effecting this highly interesting object."

The secretary, E. B. Caldwell, Esq. then proceeded to read the annual report of the board of managers, as follows:

The managers of the American Society for colonizing the free people of colour of the United States, in submitting to the society their first report, are encouraged to persevere in their efforts from an increased confidence as well in its practicability as in its importance. In a plan of such magnitude, involving the happiness of many millions; and the success of which, while it cannot fail to create a general interest, might conflict with established prejudice, circumspection and delicacy become essential to its progress. The first step of the board of Managers was to present a memorial to Congress at their last session, which, with the report of the committee to whom it was referred, is now laid before the Society. The nature and novelty of the subject, not less than the mass of business which engaged the deliberations of that body, did not permit them to pursue the report. On the adjournment of Congress the Board adopted suitable measures to promote the views of the society, without waiting the lapse of another session.

(To be continued.)

## Description of the person of the Apostle Paul.

St Chrysostom describes him as a little man, about three cubits (four and a half feet) in height. Lucien says he was rather bald headed, with an aquiline nose, who travelled through the air into the third heaven.—Nicephorus Callistus (Lib 2, chap. 34) says St. Paul was small of stature, stooping, and rather inclined to crookedness; pale faced, and of an elderly look, bald on the head, his eyes lively, keen & cheerful, shaded in part by his eye-brows, which hung a little over. His nose rather long, and not ungracefully bent. His beard pretty thick of hair, and of a sufficient length, and, like his locks, interspersed with grey.

The Tennessee Legislature, besides passing a vote disapproving the introduction of a Branch of the Bank of the United States into that State, have passed an act imposing a penalty of fifty thousand dollars, on the establishment of a y such branch there.

## Abstract of the Proceedings of the Legislature of Maryland.

### HOUSE OF DELEGATES,

Monday, Jan. 19.

On motion of Mr. Kell, leave to bring in a bill relating to the police of the city of Baltimore.

### PETITIONS.

From the members of Washington Lodge in Denton, for a lottery. From Joseph Darden, of Talbot, to collect balances due his brother. From sundry inhabitants of Allegany, for a bank. From Sally Brice, of Worcester, a poor woman, for relief. From Caleb P. Davis, of Caroline, to bring a slave into the state. Severally referred.

Mr. Carroll reported favourably on the petition of Evans Willing. Mr. Hawkins favourably on the petition of Benjamin Murdock.—Severally read.

The house proceeded to the second reading of the bill to alter such parts of the constitution as relates to the representation of the city of Baltimore, and to allow two additional delegates from that city to the general assembly.

On motion by Mr. Kell, That the two following sections be inserted at the end of the second section, viz.

"And be it enacted, That such parts of the constitution and form of government as gives to the city of Annapolis two delegates to the general assembly of Maryland, be and are hereby repealed.

"And be it enacted, That the said city of Annapolis shall become a part of Anne-Arundel county, and the citizens thereof shall be entitled to all the privileges that the citizens of said county are entitled to." The yeas and nays being required, appeared as follow:

Affirmative.—Messrs. Garner, Price, Snowden, Johnson, Nabb, Lecompte, Pitt, Keene, Pearce, Tyson, Jones, Causin, Blackiston, Knight, Eccleston, Neale, Hynson, Gray, T. H. Dorsey, Weems, Grahame, Turner, Garner, Jenifer, Carroll, Murray, Lecompte, Griffith, Keene, Semmes, Claggett, Wilson, Henry, Tingle, Hawkins, Buckley, Whiteley, Kell, Wood-year, Sweetzer, Yates, Schnebly, Tidball.—21.

Negative.—Mr. Speaker, Messrs. Jones, Causin, Blackiston, Knight, Eccleston, Neale, Hynson, Gray, T. H. Dorsey, Weems, Grahame, Turner, Garner, Martin, Stevens, Tomlinson, Griffith, Beard, Digges, Claude, Claggett, Stephen, Harrison, Wilson, Handy, Tingle, Hawkins, Buckley, Bradford, Davis, Holbrook, Whitby, Saulsbury, Whiteley, Kell, Woodington, Forrest, Linthicum, Cresap, Tomlinson, Scott, Tidball.—41.

Determined in the negative.

The bill being read throughout, the question was put, Shall the bill pass? The yeas and nays being required, appeared as follow:

Affirmative.—C. Stewart, T. H. Dorsey, Price, Shower, Snowden, Johnson, Martin, Stevens, Nabb, Tenant, Thomas, Semmes, Harrison, W. R. Stewart, Downey, Bradford, Sewell, Steel, Davis, Holbrook, Saulsbury, Whiteley, Kell, Wood-year, Sweetzer, Yates, Schnebly, Tidball.—27.

Negative.—Mr. Speaker, Messrs. Jones, Causin, Blackiston, Knight, Eccleston, Neale, Hynson, Gray, Weems, Grahame, Turner, Garner, Jenifer, Carroll, Lecompte, Griffith, Pitt, Keene, Pearce, Tyson, Beard, Digges, Claggett, Claude, Stephen, Wilson, Handy, Henry, Tingle, Hawkins, Buckley, Whiteley, Gaither, Washington, Forrest, Linthicum, Cresap, Tomlinson, Scott, Tidball.—41.

Determined in the negative.

On motion of Mr. Jenifer, a message was agreed to, proposing that a joint committee be appointed to examine the public buildings; and report what sum of money would be sufficient to put them in a proper state of repair, and naming Messrs. Jenifer, Claude and Claggett, the committee on the part of the house.

Mr. Lecompte reported favourably on the petition of Gen. John Gassaway.—Read.

Adjourned.

Tuesday, Jan. 20.

### PETITIONS.

From Jane Blake, to be enabled to hold real property. From John McDaniel, and others, of Kent, to widen and straighten a certain road. From the congregation of Moravians, relative to certain lands. From sundry inhabitants of Baltimore, to open McElderry-street. Also for a law to incorporate the Jackson Benevolent Society. Severally referred.

Mr. Claude reported favourably on the petition of the members of the Methodist Church at Annapolis. Read.

Mr. Tidball reported unfavourably on the petition from Allegany for a bank.—concluded with.

The house resolved itself into committee of the whole, on the bill (from the senate) for opening and extending Pratt-street, Mr. Wm. R. Stewart in the chair.—after sometime spent in discussing the same, the committee rose, to report progress, and asked leave to sit again; which was granted.—Adjourned.

Wednesday, Jan. 21.

### PETITIONS.

From sundry inhabitants of Calvert, to prevent shop-keepers dealing or selling after night. From sundry inhabitants of Friendship on the same subject. From sundry inhabitants of Harford, for a road. For the dealers in slaves in Baltimore, for the appointment of a spectator. From Charles Robinson, and others, of Anne-Arundel, to confirm the sale of certain lands. From sundry inhabitants of Washington, to change the times of holding their county courts. Severally referred.

The bill from the senate to authorize the conveyance of certain lands for the use of the society of Quakers for the support of a school in Montgomery, was passed and returned to that house.

Mr. Gaither reported favourably on the report and petition of the trustees of Brookeville Academy.—Read.

The house resolved itself into committee of the whole, Mr. W. R. Stewart in the chair, and after some time spent therein, the committee rose, reported progress, and asked leave to sit again.—Adjourned.

Thursday, Jan. 22.

### PETITIONS.

From sundry inhabitants, for a lottery to remove a brick building. Also from James Carroll, and others, counter to that for erecting a bridge over Patapsco river at the lower ferry. The bill to provide for the removal of lunatic paupers from several counties to the Baltimore Hospital, was passed. The house resolved itself into a committee of the whole, Mr. W. R. Stewart in the chair, on the bill for opening and extending Pratt-street, and after sometime spent in considering the same, the committee rose, and the chairman reported the said bill with amendments. The house then proceeded to the second reading thereof, and after considerable discussion, the same was postponed until the morning.—Adjourned.

Resolved: That a foregoing resolution transmitted to the city of Washington, for a supplement to the act of 1777, concerning marriage—Read.

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Friday, Jan. 23.

On motion of Mr. Bradford, leave to bring in a supplement to an act to empower and authorise the several county courts to direct the opening, straightening, or shutting up of public roads.

Mr. Garner reported unfavourably on the petition of sundry inhabitants of Charles, for opening a road from Brook's ferry to Chikemacren creek.—Read.

From Eleanor Kennedy, of the district of Columbia, for the relinquishment of the right of the state to a lot in Mooreborough. From John Hove, of Allegany, that a warrant may be granted him for certain land. Referred.

The house resumed the consideration of the bill for opening and extending Pratt-street. After having read the same, the question was put, shall the said bill pass? The yeas and nays being required, appeared.

### AFFIRMATIVE.

Messrs. Knight, Neale, Hynson, Estep, C. Stewart, T. H. Dorsey, R. Dorsey, Weems, Price, Shower, Snowden, Johnson, Martin, Stevens, Nabb, Tenant, Long, Haynie, Pitt, Pearce, Tyson, Thomas, Bard, Digges, Somerville, Claude, Harrison, W. R. Stewart, Handy, Piggman, Downey, Buckley, Bradford, Sewell, Steel, Davis, Whitby, Saulsbury, Whiteley, Kell, Wood-year, Sweetzer, Yates, Schnebly, Kennedy, Forrest, Linthicum, Tomlinson, Scott, Tidball.—50.

Negative.—

Mr. Speaker, Messrs. Jones, Causin, Blackiston, Eccleston, Gray, Grahame, Turner, Brawnar, Garner, Jenifer, Carroll, Murray, Lecompte, Griffith, Keene, Semmes, Claggett, Wilson, Henry, Tingle, Hawkins, Gaither.—23.

Resolved in the affirmative.

Adjourned.

Saturday, Jan. 24.

### PETITIONS.

From Jonathan Morrison, of Baltimore, for a divorce. From sundry coopers, and others, of the city of Baltimore, for an inspector of staves. From sundry inhabitants of Frederick town against the establishment of a new bank in said town. From James McGuire, of Queen Anne's, for a special act of insolvency. From Eliza H. O'Neale and Solomon Davis, of Montgomery, to sell the real estate of John O'Neale. From sundry inhabitants of Charles, counter to that for a road. Severally referred.

The supplement to the act concerning crimes and punishments, was passed and sent to senate.

The bill from the senate to establish and incorporate the Patapsco Canal Company, was read, amended, passed, and returned to that body.

The bill to incorporate the German Society of Maryland was passed and sent to senate.

On motion of Mr. Lecompte, the following resolutions were twice read and assented to.

Resolved, That the honourable John L. Kerr, the agent on behalf of the state to liquidate and settle with the general government the necessary expenditures which were incurred by this state in providing for the common defence during the late war, be requested, and he is hereby requested, to report to this general assembly the progress that he may have made in the accomplishment of the object of his appointment.

Resolved: That a foregoing resolution transmitted to the city of Washington, for a supplement to the act of 1777, concerning marriage—Read.

From Wm. Merry, more, to reinstate From Robert Long, and John Band, against insolvency. From bin, widow of Fred for a right of dower lands. Severally referred.

On motion of Mr. to bring in a supplement for enlarging the high court of chancery.

The bill, from the firm an act to alter and every part of the and form of government to the attorney general the second time, passed to senate—yeas 34, nays 23.

On motion of Mr. following resolution assented to, and sent to senate.

Resolved, That the President of the United to our senators and in Congress, the op general assembly, the provident policy suggestiency, on the part of government, of proc negotiation, by cession a tract of country of coast of Africa, for the of the free people of United States.

Mr. Thomas reported bly on the petition of bitants of Harford co. to the trustees of the county.—Read.

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### SENATE.

A number of bills from the house of read.

The bill relating Baltimore, was read time, and recommitted.—Adjourned.

Wednesday, Jan. 27.

Mr. Maxcy reported thorse the conveyan lands for the use of society of Quakers f of a school in Montg Read.

Mr. Carmichael petition of James C. Cud, and Richard C county.—Referred.

On motion of Mr. to bring in a bill c judgments and judici of the courts of ju state, and to provide pletion of the recor cases.

On motion of Mr. to bring in a bill to proceedings in the county courts in the mentioned.

Thursday, Jan. 28.

Mr. Winder reported concerning the judgment proceedings of the co in this state, &c.

The bill to establish the Patapsco ny, was passed, and of delegates.

The bill to alter an parts of the constituti of government as pr election of the cou manner and time of governor, was read th ordered to be engros reading.

Adjourned.

Friday, Jan. 29.

A number of bills received from the h gates, and read.

Adjourned.