

REPORT
OF THE
BOARD OF MANAGERS
FOR THE
Removal of the People of Colour.

*To the Honorable
the General Assembly of Maryland.*

The Board of Managers appointed in pursuance of the provisions of "An act relating to the people of colour of this State," respectfully submit the following Report of their proceedings.

The Members of the Board received their appointment in April last, and immediately entered upon the discharge of the duties assigned. Having all been engaged in promoting the views and aiding the exertions of the Colonization Society, they were enabled by their past experiment to adopt at once such measures as they believed would lead to the more effectual fulfillment of the responsible trust committed to them by the General Assembly.

It was evident to the Board that without the active co-operation of their fellow-citizens throughout the State, their labours would be of little avail. The free people of colour were very imperfectly informed as to the nature of the privileges offered by the Legislature, to those who wished to leave the State; and the Board could only communicate advantageously with them through the medium of those citizens in their respective vicinities who could be induced to take an interest in the subject. The Agent of the Board could not seek out the individual members of a class of population scattered throughout the State; nor could his representations to those whom he might visit, have much weight with them, unless he were sustained by the influence of those in whom the coloured population might have that confidence which would be derived from a knowledge of them, and a conviction of the benevolence of their motives.