

whose manumissions have already taken effect, the Board have taken all the means in their power to fulfil their duty towards them, in such manner as appeared to them consonant with the benevolent provisions of the act of the General Assembly.

The board have received returns, with lists of the free people of colour residing in the counties respectfully, from the Sheriffs of all the counties of the State, with the exception of those of Prince Georges, Baltimore, Harford and Worcester counties, from which none have been received.

The amount drawn by the Board from the Treasury of the State, during the year is eight thousand dollars (\$8000;) and a full account of the disbursements of so much thereof as has been expended is herewith respectfully submitted. The vouchers for such expenditures, together with the minutes of the proceedings of the Board and all their other books and papers, they hold subject to such examination as your hon. body may be pleased to direct; and they would respectfully ask leave to refer to the same for all such further details of their acts and proceedings as may be required; and which they may have erred in judging it unnecessary to introduce into this Report.

It will be observed that a considerable portion of amount expended by the Board has been for objects which the benefit is expected to be of a permanent character; and the expenses of the Board in many items would not have increased had a much larger emigration taken place. The reasons which prevent this have been before alluded to; but so much information has now been diffused among the free coloured population, and such is the spirit prevailing amongst many of them, that it is believed that numbers will gladly avail themselves during the ensuing year of the privileges offered them, and there is every reason to hope that the great and philanthropic enterprise in which the State of Maryland has embarked, will be crowned with complete success.

Respectfully submitted,

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