

ted to the committee on colored population at the last session of the Legislature.

Founded, as the colony has been by the State Society, it is wholly independent of the Society at Washington, and the discussion of the conflicting opinions and views, that have occasionally agitated that body, have never arisen to interfere with the progress of the State Society. Influenced by different views in regard to slavery, as many of the friends of colonization no doubt are, it has been a subject of rejoicing with the State Society that it has been able, by means of the system of independent State action that it has adopted, to keep itself out of the arena of angry disputation, and confine its labors to carrying out the views and policy of the State of Maryland, as indicated in her legislation on the subject.

A call, similar to the present, was made on the Society at the last session of the Legislature, and very full answers were given. I am not aware that they were printed by the House, but in order to preserve the information they contained, and which has been collected with great care and industry, they were printed in the Colonization Journal--and as they are more convenient to be read in print than in manuscript, I have taken the liberty of enclosing you copies of the paper containing them, as affording information upon subjects which may not be uninteresting, while, at the same time, they cover most of the ground of the present inquiry.

I have the honor to be,

Your obedient servant,

JOHN H. B. LATROBE,

Prest. Md St. Col. Soc'ty.

Jan. 12th, 1841,