

State Colonization Managers, to the Hon. the General Assembly of Maryland.

We beg leave respectfully to state, as our apology for not having transmitted our Report at an earlier day, that it has been delayed until the publication of the Report of the Board of Managers of the Maryland State Colonization Society, which has just been completed, and to which reference is made in our Report.

We have the honor to be, very respectfully, your obedient servants,

CHARLES HOWARD,

WM. F. GILES,

State Colonization Managers.

Office Md. State Colonization Society,

Baltimore, March 1st, 1856.

To the Honorable the General Assembly of Maryland.

The Board of State Colonization Managers have the honor respectfully to submit the following

REPORT.

That by the Act of January session 1852, chapter —, the Board of State Colonization Managers, as originally authorized to be appointed by the Act of December session 1831, chapter 281, was continued in existence for the term of six years, with the same powers and duties, which devolved upon them by the provisions of said last mentioned act.

The Report upon which the Act of 1852 was founded, contained a thorough examination of the whole subject of colonization, and the renewal of the State's appropriation thereto, gave the most emphatic sanction and approval to the course of policy which had previously been pursued by the Board of State Managers, and which had by them been in their various reports to the General Assembly set forth and explained in the fullest manner.

It had been shown that, after several years experience, the Board had become convinced, that they could most efficiently and most economically act in the matter of transporting emigrants to Africa, and of making proper provision for their reception and establishment there by operating through the Maryland State Colonization Society, a body incorporated at the same session which created the Board of State Managers, as a part of the means devised to carry out the same great plan, and of which society, the persons selected by the Executive to constitute the State Board were required to be Members. In accordance with this policy, it has been shown that from the year 1838 inclusive to the year 1851, when the act of 1831 expired by its own limitation, the Managers of the State fund, as such, made no shipments of emigrants, or provis-