

ions for their settlement in Africa; these objects having been accomplished through the medium of the Maryland State Society, of the Board of Managers of which the State Managers are members, having thus a full knowledge of, and having given their approval to all measures of any importance which that society have adopted.

The Board of State Managers deem it unnecessary in this Report to give a detailed account of the proceedings of the State society during the past two years, respectfully asking leave as heretofore, to refer your Honorable Body to the Reports and Documents of the Maryland State Society for ample and interesting information as to the history, progress, and present condition of the colony of Maryland in Liberia. This is now a self-governed and independent State, but the Maryland State Society, though they have relinquished all claim whatsoever to political supremacy over it, still enjoy all the necessary rights and privileges to enable them, as they have heretofore done, to transport thither the free colored people of this State, and to endow them on their arrival there with land for their abiding homes.

The number of manumissions in this State since the 1st of January 1854, as reported to this Board is 314, of which 115 were to take immediate effect, and 199 were prospective. The entire number reported to the Board since its organization in 1832 has been 4,877, of which 1,839 were immediate, and 3,038 prospective.

The amount drawn by the State Managers from the Treasury from January 1st 1854 to January 1st 1856 is twenty thousand dollars, making the total amount drawn since the passage of the act of 1852 forty thousand dollars. The whole of this amount has been and is being expended by the Maryland State Colonization Society under the inspection of the Board of State Managers in the removal of free persons of color from Maryland to Africa, and in providing for their establishment and support as far as is necessary, according to the provisions of the several acts of the General Assembly, above mentioned.

Respectfully submitted,

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State Colonization Managers.

Md. State Colonization Office,
Baltimore, January 1st, 1856.

Which was referred to the Committee on Colored Population.

Mr. Merrick offered a resolution relating to the arrears due the State of Maryland by the United States for and on account of advances and expenditures during the war of 1812, with England;

Which was read the first time.