

## COMMUNICATION.

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To the Hon. John B. Brooke,

*President of the Senate of Maryland:*

SIR : The Board of Managers of the Maryland State Colonization Society, believing that some misapprehension exists as to the management of their affairs during the last two years, and especially in regard to the expenditures supposed to have been made during that period through their agency of the funds heretofore appropriated by the honorable the General Assembly, have instructed me most respectfully to submit for the information of the honorable body over which you preside, the following statement :

It is unnecessary to refer with particularity to the objects and purposes of the Act of December session, 1831, chapter 281, by which an annual appropriation was made of \$10,000 for twenty years, and a Board of State Managers was appointed to carry out the objects of the Act. The reports heretofore made by that board to the honorable the General Assembly have shewn in what manner said appropriation was expended, partly in removing a limited number of free people of color and emancipated slaves to Africa, but mainly in making ample preparation on that coast to receive the great body of that class of persons whenever their condition in this country should lead them to the conclusion that their own interests required their removal thither.

So well satisfied were the successive legislative bodies of the State with the course which had been pursued that not only during all the financial embarrassments and difficulties was this annual appropriation not interfered with, but when it terminated at the end of twenty years by the expiring of the Act of 1831, the General Assembly, by the Act of January session, 1852, chapter 202, renewed the appropriation of \$10,000 per annum for the term of six years. This amount likewise was received by the Board of State Managers, and expended as was shewn by their reports in continuing to carry out the same policy, and in building up and enlarging the