

current connected with this report exhibits the expenditures of the Board and their objects, to this date. But in future, in order to conform to the fiscal year, they will be made out up to the 30th November.

When the Colonization laws, as they are generally termed, were first adopted, the want of a place to which the free people of color and emancipated slaves might emigrate furnished reasons why they should not be carried into full effect. This reason no longer exists; and it will be for the Legislature to determine upon such additional measures, if any be necessary, to give full efficiency to the system adopted in 1831. Public opinion should particularly be brought to bear upon this subject; and if the residents of the different counties in the State would take the matter in hand, the immigration of free people of color from other states, or the introduction of slaves into Maryland from thence, or the residence here of slaves manumitted on condition of removal, could be much more effectually prevented than it can be by the efforts of a board of managers, who, to accomplish these objects, would have to employ more agents than the whole annual appropriation to the colonization fund would be sufficient to compensate.

The number of persons manumitted during the past year, as reported to the Board, has been 204, including those whose freedom is prospective. The number previously reported was 1377, making the total number reported 1581 since the enactment of the law of December, 1831.

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