

Colonization plan, upon the footing on which it now stands in Maryland.

It is gratifying to learn from the Report that the attempts to secure success by the friends of immediate and general abolition to defeat the efforts of the Society in their efforts to inform the free people of color of the advantages of emigration, are losing the effect which they at first appeared to have, and that there is now the prospect of a constant emigration from the State to the Colony of Maryland in Liberia. It would be unjust to the managers of the State fund, and to the State Colonization Society, not to express the satisfaction that is felt with the economical, prudent and energetic course pursued by them the past year.

The annual Report of the Treasurer of the Western Shore, which will shortly be laid before you by that Officer, in conformity to Law, will show the condition of our finances, and enable you to judge what further Legislation, if any, may be necessary in reference to them during your present Session. The balance of funds on hand at the end of the last fiscal year, besides special deposits on interest in several of the Banks in Baltimore and such as have been appropriated to Education, the sinking fund and other special objects, is about fifty thousand dollars greater than the balance at the end of the previous year, and the general State of the Treasury, we believe to be quite as good as was anticipated at the termination of the last Session of the Legislature.

The documents herewith transmitted, marked A, B, C, D and E have been received from the Executives of the several States of Maine, Massachusetts, Louisiana, Mississippi and Missouri, and each contains Resolutions of the general Assembly of those States, respectively, on different interesting subjects, and are laid before you in compliance with requests contained in the several communications.

It is with no ordinary sadness of feeling that we advert to the death of the Hon. Joseph Kent, late a Senator of this State in the Congress of the United States, of which you are, of course, already apprised. Maryland has suffered a severe loss in his demise, and her Citizens who mourn over this bereavement will long cherish his name in grateful remembrance. The devotion to the interests of his Country, which characterized his long life of public service, the unlimited confidence in which he was held by all who knew him, and particularly by his fellow Citizens of his native State, the exemplary purity and urbanity which distinguished his public conduct and made him an ornament of private life, rendered his decease a public calamity and a source of unfeigned and universal regret. We are sure that this imperfect tribute to his memory will find a response with the members of the Legislature, and the people, your constituents, whose private regrets you can truly represent and manifest with you own.

We have forbore to exercise the authority vested in the