

(Chesapeake)

I do not feel myself at liberty to dwell long on the interesting subjects of Rail Roads and Canals, and will, therefore, content myself with observing that, when the works, above alluded to, shall have been completed, little doubt can be entertained but they will prove profitable to the State and our enterprising Citizens. Upon this point experience is most satisfactory; and Pennsylvania, New York, Ohio and other States are now enjoying the results of the philosophy which embraced them in the system of Internal Improvement.

By the report of the Managers of the State Colonization fund, herewith submitted (being Document marked C) it appears that the fund, during the last year, has been applied through the agency of the State Colonization Society in the removal of the Free People of color, who were willing to emigrate to the colony from Maryland, at Cape Palmas, as well as to the improvement and preparation of the colony with a view to further emigration. The disbursements of the State Managers seem to have been judiciously regulated, and the conduct of these gentlemen, whose responsible office is without emolument, and whose only compensation is the consciousness of doing good, commands itself to favor and approval.

From what is reported by the State Managers it would appear that the spirit of abolition has been actively disseminated from a broad among the Free People of color of Maryland, and that it exhibits itself in opposition to the plan of Colonization: against which particularly as carried on in Maryland, the efforts of the abolitionists have principally directed. Whenever abolition doctrines find footing among the free people of color they are found exhorting one another to remain in the State, alleging that this is all that is necessary to provide for them what they call their rights, by which they mean equality of condition social and political, with the whites; and that State Colonization Society reports that in very many instances, families of free colored people who had determined to emigrate, and have sold their property and otherwise prepared to embark for Cape Palmas, have been diverted from their purpose by the insidious and mischievous falsehoods, and the treachery and secret practices of the Abolitionists. In reference to this condition of things it would seem the wisest course that could be adopted to cherish Colonization as the means promising an approach of abolition: quite correct, in this respect, no better prospect is given than is furnished by the conduct of the Abolitionists themselves; did they not draw it their most powerful opponents, were