

not urged against it. The warfare, which all their publications and their agents are mainly employed in carrying on.

The report of the State Colonization Society, which accompanies that of the Managers of the State fund, represents the condition of the Maryland colony as highly encouraging, and shows that the Society countenanced by the State Managers is judiciously preparing the colony to receive, with ease and comfort, that increased immigration from Maryland, which the gradual exposure of the fallacy of the arguments of the Abolitionists, who are the worst foes of the colored race, and the pressure of circumstances must inevitably produce. The State Society represents that the plan of independent State action first adopted in Maryland, and which repudiates all extraneous and unwarranted interferences with the subject of slavery, continues to find general acceptance amongst our Southern neighbors, and to promote in an efficient and most encouraging manner the operation of colonization in Maryland.

The case of the City of Baltimore and Robert Lemmon, in which the constitutionality of the Act of 1827 Chapter 111, regulating sales at auction, was involved, was argued at the last June Term of the Court of Appeals by the Attorney General and John W. L. Chesler Law Esquires, in behalf of the State, and the judgment of Baltimore City Court was affirmed, denying the right of that City to recover the penalty fixed by Ordinance to prohibit sales at Auction without a City License. This decision secures permanently to the State a revenue of about \$548,000 annually, and settles beyond all controversy an exciting and long pending question.

By a communication recently received from the State Geologist, I am informed that he is now employed in preparing his annual report, which will be submitted in the course of the present session of the General Assembly. The service, which has already been rendered to the agricultural and manufacturing interests of the State by the Geological surveys heretofore made, the popularity which such investigations have acquired, and the zeal, industry, and learning which Professor Suckell has manifested in the discharge of the duties of his office, induce us to look for a continuation of those benefits, which the State has been deriving from the liberal and wise measures of Legislation which authorize the surveys, and as the expense is so inconsiderable compared with the advantages resulting therefrom, it is hoped that the policy of continuing it will be persisted in.

I transmit for your consideration (being Document marked D.) the annual report of the Directors of the Maryland Penitentiary, of the condition of that Institution during the year