

the wisest course that could be adopted to cherish Colonization, as the uncompromising antagonist of abolition; of its value in this respect, no better proof can be given than is furnished by the conduct of the abolitionists themselves, who, did they not deem it their most powerful opponent, would not wage against it the warfare which all their publications and all 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 emigration 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 unsolicited interference 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 V. L. McMahon Esquires, in behalf of the State, and the Judgement of Baltimore City Court was affirmed, denying the right of the Corporation of that city to recover the penalty fixed by ordinance, to prohibit sales at auction, without the city License. This decision secures permanently to the State, a revenue of about \$48,000 annually, and settles beyond all controversy an exciting, and long vexed 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 this officer has manifested in the discharge of his duties, induce us to look for a continuance of those benefits which the State has been reaping from the liberal and wise measures of Legislation, which authorized 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 ending on the 30th, of November last. It will be seen that the entire expenditures of the year for all purposes, connected with the Penitentiary, amount to \$45,921,18 and that the products of the labor of the prisoners have