

for the colonization Society, I am unable to give an answer: if the society's treasury is referred to, I answer, none. 3dly. The "amount which each county has respectfully paid in." I have no means of ascertaining this, as all monies received by the managers of the State fund come through the Treasurer of the Western Shore. The act of 1831, in which originated the present system of Colonization by the State, indicates the proportion which each county is to pay and perhaps would give satisfactory information on this point. I trust, sir, that on all other points the information contained in the accompanying report and documents appended will be entirely satisfactory.

I would take occasion here to remark that affairs connected with colonization both in this State and the colony have assumed a very different aspect since the preparation of the enclosed report. Up to that period it will be perceived the greatest difficulties had been experienced in procuring emigrants for the colony and every obstacle had been thrown in the way of the operations of the Colonization Society by the abolitionists who justly considered this scheme as patronized and adopted by Maryland as the only bar to the success of their principles and measures. Within the past two years, however, no difficulty has been experienced in procuring as many volunteers as the funds of the society would enable them to carry out and support through their acclamation, or as it is judged the colony could advantageously receive. The average of the number sent the past two years shews an increase of more than fifty per cent. over the average number sent the eight preceding years of the existence of the Maryland Colony.

There is reason to believe that through the system at present adopted by the society of causing a return of one or two colonists of influence and respectability annually, to mingle with their old associates, no difficulty will hereafter be experienced in obtaining any desirable number of emigrants, and those too of the right stamp.

In Africa many of the difficulties which attended the infancy and early progress of the colony are disappearing as it gradually assumes a permanent and established character. Its numerical strength and moral influence is now such as to relieve its citizens from any apprehensions of violence on part of the natives by whom they are surrounded and of course they are left free to devote their whole energies to the improvement of their condition.

The recent establishment of an American Squadron on the coast of Africa embracing in it cruising ground our Maryland Colony and the order by the Secretary of the Navy for the survey of our harbour (one of the best on the Africa coast) and their necessity of resorting to it for supplies, provisions, water, &c. will add much to its importance, give a new impetus to American commerce in that quarter and materially strengthen the bonds between it and its parent State.

In short I may add that uninterrupted and unexampled success has attended the colony since its first establishment, that its citizens