

easy of cultivation, would soon return a rich reward to industrious farmers.

“The animals of the country suitable for food, are quite numerous; neat cattle, sheep, hogs, goats and deer are very plenty. In conclusion permit me to say, that the climate for the colored people, the soil and productions of Maryland in Liberia, can only be justly appreciated by those who have visited the country. One half the labor necessary in this country to enable the colored man barely to live, will secure for him in the colony the greatest abundance of the necessaries of life and many of the luxuries. The climate to his constitution is as congenial as the climate of Maryland.” Mr. Gould’s report in 1835, to the President and Board of Managers of the Maryland State Colonization Society.

“Since the last annual report large acquisitions of territory have been made, around the settlement at Cape Palmas, and the State society now owns both sides of the Cavally, a broad and noble river, from its mouth to the town of Denak, about thirty miles from the ocean. Dr. Hall ascended the river to the cataract, and describes the country as of inexhaustible fertility, and beautiful in the extreme in appearance.” From the annual report of the Board of Managers to the Colonization Society in 1837.

“The State Society holds, that generally speaking, the condition of the emancipated slave, should he remain in this country, is much worse than that of the same individual before he obtained his freedom; because here, the presence of a race, with which he cannot amalgamate and with whom rests all power, operates to depress his energies and prevent the expansion of his intellect; the highest rank he can ever expect to attain is a degraded one; and deprived of all those incentives of honorable ambition which ordinarily operate so powerfully and with such effect, he falls almost immediately after emancipation, into the paths of vice and hurries along them to an early grave. The society believe from close observation, for many years, that the position here assumed is incontrovertible.” Extract from the report of the Board of Managers of the State fund, December 30th, 1843.

This last extract, ought to be regarded as high authority, in relation to the condition of the free negro; it was with them the result of observation, examination and comparison; and there are few who will not readily concur in this opinion, as it has been a subject of experience for many years. There could be no impropriety in executing the provisions of the bill reported by the committee, against them.

The committee will now proceed to show the amount of the population of Maryland, from 1790 to 1840—its increase and decrease in the entire State, and in the several counties, and of each species of population separately.