

## COMMUNICATION

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TO GEORGE G. BREWER, Esq.

*Clerk of the House of Delegates of Md.*

DEAR SIR:—I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your favor of the 2nd inst. enclosing an order of the House of Delegates requiring of the Agent of the State Colonization Society a “statement of the amount of money received and expended since the organization of the society; the number of free people of color transported from the State by the said society; the number specifically from each county; the amount of money now in the Treasury; and the amount which each county has respectively paid in.”

Presuming that any information with regard to the subject in addition to a direct answer to the above interrogatories would be desirable I have taken the liberty of transcribing a detailed statement of the affairs and operations of the society since its organization made by the President J. H. B. Latrobe, Esq. in answer to a number of interrogatories addressed to the “Managers of the Maryland State Colonization Fund” by “E. Hammond, Esq. Chairman of the committee on coloured population of House of Delegates for the session of 1839 and '40,” and which will be found on the records of the House of Delegates of that session.

I am moved to this course by the fact that the annual report of the managers of the State Fund transmitted to the Executive of the State and also the report of the board of Managers of the State Colonization Society relate mainly to the operations of these respective bodies during the current year and of course afford but little information to the gentlemen of the Legislature of the actual extent of the operations of the society from the beginning.

It will be perceived that all information obtainable on points referred to in the order of the House of Delegates contained in your communication is embodied in this document. I have of course substituted the amount of money received and expended and the number of emigrants transported up to the present time instead of that contained in the original paper.

I regret not being able to give information upon all the specifications of the order of the House. 1st, we have no means of definitely ascertaining the proportion of the free emigrants to those manumitted for the express purpose of emigrating. They, however far exceed the latter probably over three to one. 2ndly. If it is acquired to know the amount of money in the State Treasury