

proper standard by which to estimate the success of colonization. The true standard is the condition and capacity of the colony, in view of the purposes for which it was established. Does it afford a safe and comfortable home, in a congenial climate, to which the free people of color may emigrate when circumstances shall make it their interest to do so presently, at the expense of the State and others—hereafter, as commerce grows up between the two countries, at their own expense, as German and Irish emigrants now come to America? If this question can be satisfactorily answered, and the Committee believe that it can be, the Society has done all that could be reasonably required of it, and has fulfilled, so far, the purpose of its existence.

Nor do the Committee believe that the small number already transported to Africa, affords any argument against the efficiency of colonization to remove the entire free colored population of the State, whenever this population finds it their interest to remove. The foreign immigration into Baltimore, alone, in 1847, was 12,009—not one individual of which, probably, had his expenses paid for him. The same emigration from Maryland to Liberia, would, *in six years*, carry off the entire free colored population of the State. That there should be such an emigration, it is necessary that there should be a desire to emigrate, and the means for emigration. Circumstances are producing the first, and the growth of the colonies on the coast, the result of these circumstances, is rapidly creating the commerce that will afford the last.

The Committee submit herewith a Bill, to carry out the recommendations of this report.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

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