the other settlements has always been made a subject of remark. Maryland is now independent of any other society. She has her own Colony — she is recognized in the other States of the Union as the ~~for~~ originator of the only plan that can ~~keep down~~ counteract abolition — the plan of each slaveholding state taking the matter of Colonization and all other matters touching slavery into its own hands. — Her example has been followed in Louisiana & in Mississippi, and in Virginia, and will soon, it is understood be followed in Kentucky and Tennessee, and the writer of this speaks confidently and of his own knowledge when he states that nothing has raised Maryland more in the eyes of her Southern Sisters than the stand which she has taken in this matter.

In the Early period of the Colony at Cape Palmas which was founded in July 1834. its Capacity to receive Emigrants was very limited and but few could be sent to it. Now it is capable of receiving ~~three~~ without attendant two hundred in the next twelve months, of three hundred in the next, ~~[illegible]~~ and after that, as many as the whole appropriation of the State is capable of transporting. As yet not more than half the appropriation of any one year has been used; and the State Society has added to the means furnished by the State under the act of 1831 all the individual contributions that could be obtained ~~of philanthropy and benevolence~~ so as to the out and economize rather than squander the liberality of Maryland. There is but a single agent in the name of the Managers of the State fund, ~~and a clerk~~ who attends to the office duties, and they are numerous, and a small boy as clerk — the travelling agent, who is kept, from year end to year end, employed in visiting the different parts of the State, striving to impart information to the free colored people to induce them to Emigrate, is paid by the contributions of benevolent individuals without being a charge to the State fund. — The money collected from females, is to furnish the State Society the means of Establishing schools in the Colony, and female charity is implored that the ~~sums expended in the act of 1831 may be further carried out~~ Emigrants to Africa may be educated, and which contribute to all government without charge to the State — not a manager of the State fund, not an officer of the State Society, receives one cent of compensation or advantage, directly or indirectly. They labour for the State, of which they are proud, for the cause of humanity to which they are willing to devote themselves.

When it is asked then for what ~~have~~ the managers of the State fund are, & where is the State money, it is answered, that ~~Fifty have received three hundred~~ Emigrants to Cape Palmas & a Colony established has been at Cape Palmas capable of receiving all the Emigrants that can be sent from Maryland; ~~with~~ established too, with a success without parallel, and at an Expense far less than that of any similar known undertaking ~~ever known~~. This has been done too always under the very Eye of the Legislature; for with the Exception of the last year, all the annual meetings ~~and meetings~~ of the State Society have been held at Annapolis in the presence of that body; and the details of all operations have been much fully and publicly explained. ~~If warm speeches have been made, they have given out of the qualified feelings of those who detailed the history of the young colony that it is hoped will one day be an honor not less than a lasting benefit to the State that founded it.~~

When and which prevented it.

But there is one thing in which there can be no difference of opinion in the author of the address. The Colonization laws of 1831 ought to be enforced — But this can only be done by the cooperation of the intelligent throughout the State. All legislation derives its Efficacy in a great degree from public opinion, and of instead of leaving the task of spreading information and inducing

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