for obtaining information which those at a distance do not exert an influence most prejudicial, and extremely difficult of counteraction.

It is known to the Board that, at the time of sailing of the fall expedition of last year it was hoped, such had been the impression made by the return of Hance to this state, that little difficulty would subsequently be experienced in providing as many emigrants for our colony in Africa, as circumstances might make it desireable should go. At that very time, I had on my list, the names of more than sixty, pledged for emigration by the Spring expedition, and those too on whom we were authorised confidently to rely. Some had sold off their property. How deep, then, must have been my disappointment, mortification, and shame when in calling on these very persons in the Spring to know what preparations had been made, or were necessary to be made, for their departure to Liberia.- At being informed, "they had all declined going." Such was the fact, not one of them went.

The most active opponents of Colonization, yet discovered in the ranks of the free Blacks, are Wilson, and Watkins of this city, and Peter Brooks, Moses Gaines, and Joseph Grey, each of whom, it is said, commands and sails a vessel from Calvert County to this City. There are doubtless, many, thus, as the same influence is every where to be met within our state.

The return of Shaw, Stewart, and Jackson to this country and our city, it is now thought, has done much to breaking down the strong prejudices which have existed against us here. It is hoped, most sincerely, that it may be even so. It is yet too soon however, to determine what has been the real effect of their visit.

Jacksons testimony, together with that furnished by letters received from those who emigrated last Fall, has made a very strong and favourable impression in several parts of the state; and were it not for the strong opposition made to our cause, by leading colored men of our city and elsewhere, there would be little of presently having more applicants for emigration, from the ranks of the Free Blacks than could be provided for by the means we have for sending them to the Colony. As it is there is nothing certain. Four weeks before the departure of the fall Expedition, this year, we had on our list eighty seven names of persons pledged to emigrate; yet, strange, and apparently unaccountable as is the circumstance, not twenty of

these went in the Expedition. Where a man enters his name, it becomes notorious that he has done so, and every means is used to prevent his going. All these things are against us; and it becomes indispensible to our success, that we avail ourselves of every circumstance which can be made tributary to that object. The proposition for building "the African Packet," has been very favourably received by our friends whenever subbmitted, and there is no reason, we think, to doubt the collection of two or three thousand dollars in the counties of the state, could time and attention be spared from other objects and devoted to this.

After all the only reasonable hope of success, for our enterprize, must be based upon its own intrinsic merits. We must feel the necessity of doing something to counteract the mad spirit of Modern Abolitionism;- we must secure a cordial support and cooperation on the part of the Legislature and people of Maryland;- we must cultivate patient untiring perseverance for the accomplishment of the great and glorious objects contemplated for America and for Africa- and above all we must have a firm reliance on the blessing of God, without which, nothing great or good is accomplished. Success must crown our labours, and will be more complete, honorable and glorious because achieved despite of our enemies.

To
The Board of Managers
Md: St: Col: Society.

Respectfully
Yr. Obt. Servt
John H. Kennard

To his Excellency Thomas W Veasy Governor of Maryland.

The Report of the Managers of the State Colonization fund respectfully represents.

That during the past year the managers have expended the annual appropriation committed to their charge in the removal of the free people of color from the state to the maryld colony at Cape Palmas, and in the preparation there for the further emigration which it is expected will take place. The expenditure has been made through the Agency of the Maryland State Colonization Society, the usefulness of whose operation are fully proved by the thriving and prosperous condition of their settlement. Of this the managers are satisfied not only from the

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