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I. Minutes

A. Records of the Meetings of the Board of Managers

The Records provide a full history of the administration of the Maryland State Colonization Society and are an excellent source of information on the colony in Liberia.

Volume I contains the organization records of the Colonization Society, and includes an interesting report by Dr. Ayres, agent of the group, on his trip to the various counties of the state to form branch societies.

Volume 2 has a copy of the Ordinance for the government of Maryland in Liberia, showing the administrative set-up there; and has a copy of the deed for the land in Africa, giving the price paid in terms of muskets, kegs of powder, cloth, kettles, hats, beads, iron pots, looking glasses, knives, jugs, pitchers, bowls, fish hooks; scissors, etc.

Volume 3 has the Third Annual Report of the Board of Managers, giving an interesting detailed account of the first settlement at Cape Palmas. It reflects the steps taken to raise funds, even to the extent that each member of the Board sold a certain number of Oratorio tickets for the benefit of the colonization project. Numerous other reports throw light on the early history of the movement and the colony.

Volume 4 includes the Seventh Annual Report, which discusses fully the social and economic problems at Cape Palmas, as do all succeeding reports. A circular distributed among the people of Baltimore in 1841 seems to indicate that some colonization business was transacted at saloons. This book concludes with the Ordinance providing for the maintenance of 'Public Worship' in Liberia.

Volume 5, like all the minute books, has a vast amount of correspondence relating to colonial affairs, reports, instructions, etc., not included in the regular letter books. There is also a copy of the articles of agreement between the Colonization Society and the people of Maryland in Liberia in 1854, when self-government became an actuality. The report of the Managers on the twenty-fifth anniversary of the
Society reviews past history and congratulates the members on the success of their efforts, rejoicing particularly that the territory at Cape Palmas was purchased without giving the natives presents of Ardent Spirits.

Volume 6 covers the period after the active work of the Society ceased, and shows the gradual decline of enthusiasm, the less frequent meetings, and the slow disintegration of the organization. The final records deal with the disposition of small sums in the treasury.

1. February 1831 – November 1902; Reel #1

B. Proceedings of the Executive Committee

The Proceedings are very brief and supply only the barest outline of what was done. Volume 1 includes some financial accounts. Volume 2 duplicates the record during 1833.

1. March 1831 – May 1834; Reel #1

II. Correspondence Received

A. Letter Books

The twenty-eight volumes of Letter Books are an exceedingly large and valuable collection of source materials. They include every letter received by the Colonization Society from home and abroad, filed in chronological order of writing. These letters deal with a vast array of subjects, and include countless communications from Liberia, official and personal. Correspondence from all parts of Maryland and from distant regions of the United States indicates the wide sweep of the Society's activities. The first nineteen volumes are bound uniformly in brown leather; the rest are pasted in the black files customary at the time, are less well preserved, and are more difficult to consult. The entire collection, except the first volume, is indexed either by date or by the name of the writer.

1. May 1827 – December 1836; Reel #2
2. January 1837 – October 6, 1838; Reel #3
3. October 9, 1838 – October 5, 1843; Reel #4
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7. January 1861 – December 1867; Reel #8
8. January 1868 – September 1872; Reel #9
B. Letter Books, Shipping

The Letter Books, Shipping are the only parts of the correspondence received which deal with a special subject and are set aside by themselves. The papers in them are shorter than those in the general letter files, they are all from American sources, and they deal entirely with business matters. They are pasted in the usual files, and are indexed by names. The Bills of Lading show the quantities and prices of goods shipped to Africa. They include an interesting array of receipts on the forms of many old firms: Adams Express Company, Cromwell's New York and Baltimore Steamship Line, New York and Baltimore Transportation Line, American Express Company, Baltimore and Philadelphia Steamboat Company, Powhatan Steamboat Company, Merchants and Miners Transportation Company, United States Express Company, Baltimore and Ohio Railroad, Harnden's Express, Harrisburg Transportation Line, etc.

1. October 1857 – September 10, 1860; Reel # 10
2. September 19, 1860 – November 1865; Reel # 11
3. Bills of Lading, 1856 – 1860; Reel #11

C. Letter Books, Foreign

The Foreign Letter Books contain copies of letters received from Liberia, and consist chiefly of official reports. They discuss all the problems of the colonial settlement, and present this material in paragraphs headed by the subject titles of the matter related therein.

1. January 1834 – June 1843; Reel # 12

III. Correspondence Sent

A. Letter Books, Press

The Letter Press Books are impressions of a large number of letters sent out by the Colonization Society, many of them written by Dr. James Hall. Each volume has nearly five hundred pages, and most of the letters are very legible. They are indexed under the names of the persons addressed. They touch on all phases of the Society's activities, but particularly interesting are the papers written at the time of the establishment of the Republic of Liberia in 1857. Volume 4 is concerned largely with Dr. Hall's letters written during his trip to Africa in 1860-61. The journey may be traced through its various stages: preparation, sea voyage, visit to Monrovia, trip down the coast with stops at Mesurado, off Bassa, at Cape Palmas, etc., at sea again, in the Chesapeake, and home. The latter portion of the book covers Dr. Hall's next trip to London-derry in Ireland, Newport in England, and back again. Many of the letters in this volume are badly faded.

1. June 1854 – July 8, 1861; Reel #13
2. July 1861 – September 1866; Reel #14
B. Letter Books, Press – Shipping

The Letter Press Books, Shipping correspond among the letters sent to the Letter Books, Shipping among the letters received. Each volume contains nearly five hundred pages of correspondence dealing with goods sent to Africa, and the actual lists with prices are included in some cases. Volume 6, for instance, has on pages 404-07 an inventory of the ship 'Golconda,' listing all its equipment and supplies. A few other matters appear intermittently, and the entire collection reflects Dr. Hall's delightful charm of style. These letters, like those of the regular Letter Press Books, are indexed by the persons addressed.

1. April 1857 – April 9, 1860; Reel #14
2. April 9, 1860 – April 6, 1867; Reel #15
3. April 6, 1867 – January 1870; Reel #16

C. Books, Corresponding Secretary's

One of these volumes is labelled: Letter Book, containing Copies of all Letters addressed by the Corresponding Secretary to different persons on business of the Society. This adequately reveals the nature of this class of the letter books. They include directions, suggestions, and reports on activities. Only Volume 1 is indexed.

1. October 1832 – December 1841; Reel #16

D. Letter Book, Latrobe Letter Book

These volumes contain a similar set of letters, all of them written by John H. B. Latrobe, who served as the Colonization Society's first Corresponding Secretary and became President in March 1837. Volume 1 consists largely of letters to Dr. Hall while the latter was Governor of Maryland in Liberia.

1. July 1836 – January 1840; Reel #16
2. February 1840 – November 1852; Reel #17

E. Book, State Manager's,

The State Managers' Book contains local correspondence, most of it written for the Board of Managers by Charles Howard, with the usual index. Noted almost at random is an interesting letter addressed in April 1832 to the President of Hayti, asking if there was a place for colored people in that island.

1. April 1832 – December 1862; Reel #17
F. Books, Agent’s

The Agents’ Books are copies of letters sent by the Rev. William McKenney, the Rev. Ira Easter, and Dr. James Hall while serving as agents of the Colonization Society. They show the activities of the Society in Maryland, particularly in regard to the colored people going to Africa. Included are the instructions to the captains of the ships taking the emigrants over the ocean and to the colonial officials in the settlement at Cape Palmas. Volume 3 has in the front copies of letters from the mercantile house of J. R. Gordon and Company to its clients, April-December 1842, apparently not concerned at all with colonization affairs.

1. January 1834 – October 1848; Reel #17

IV. Miscellaneous Letters and Minutes

1. Original letter, fifty-eight pages in length, from Robert Goodloe Harper to Charles B. Caldwell, Secretary of the American Colonization Society, giving ideas on colonization in Africa before the movement gained headway. This letter, dated at Baltimore, August 20th, 1817, is an extremely interesting document covering all phases of the subject and showing Harper very favorable to colonization; Reel #32

2. Package of around sixty letters to the Board of Managers of the Maryland State Colonization Society, dealing chiefly with emigration to Africa during the year 1832; Reel #17

3. Collection of around seventy-five letters from the Rev. William McKenney to numerous correspondents, 1834-35. These papers seem to be a peculiarly full and valuable source of information on all phases of colonization activities: emigrants, whites and blacks to serve as missionaries and teachers, the purchase of supplies, colonization itself, etc. A letter written January 24, 1934 to Senator H. T. Emory presents a keen analysis of the situation in Maryland at that time. Particularly interesting are two letters to John McDonough in New Orleans, dated February 12th, 1834 and March 10th, 1835, which sketch the first moves for colonization by the Maryland Society. The first was written on seeing notice of McDonough’s application to the Louisiana Legislature for permission to educate his slaves; the second approves the plan heartily as giving the slaves the Gospel and the prospect of freedom in the land of their forefathers; Reel #17

4. Report of the Executive Committee on Dr. James Hall's account, and other papers, 1836; Reel #17

5. List of contributions to the Maryland State Colonization Society, 1836, unpublished in the official ‘Journal’; Reel #17

6. Package containing letters to the Board of Managers, and a large number of minutes and proceedings of the Board, 1837; Reel #17

7. Annual report of the Home Agent, 1837; Reel #17

8. Reports of travelling agents, etc., 1848-1849; Reel #17
V. Invoice Books

The Invoice Books give lists of all the goods sent to Liberia, with prices of the various articles and names of the vessels on which they were shipped. Among the items enumerated are: clothing, food, books, medicines, household supplies and furnishings, etc. The ships with the largest cargoes were the `Ann' ($8,316.11), the `Niobe' ($7,131.40), and the `Liberia Packet' (Voyage A, $5,518.13; Voyage B, $5,615.69). The vessels with the smallest shipments were the `Columbia' ($596.03), the `Liberia Packet' (Voyage D, $1,303.35; Voyage H, $1,460.78), and the `Trafalgar' ($1,470.89).

1. October 1833 – April 1860; Reel #18

VI. Financial Records

The financial records of the Maryland State Colonization Society are amazingly complete from start to finish, and it is doubtful whether more material could be desired on this phase of the colonization problem.

A. Day Books

The Day Books contain records of all financial transactions at the Colonization Office in Baltimore, receipts and payments entered in the order of their occurrence. Marginal numbers refer to pages in the Journal where the various items may be found.

1. March 1831 – November 1880; Reel #18

B. Journal

The Journal gives the accounts of the Colonization Society in less detail than the Day Books, but the sums are identical. Marginal numbers refer to the pages in the Ledger where the accounts are listed individually.

1. March 1831 – July 1880; Reel #18

2. List, Contributions to the Society, 1836; Reel #18

C. Ledgers

The Ledger contains individual accounts, with the credit and debit columns balanced. Included are the expenses of the different expeditions to Liberia, the accounts of agents, and special funds, such as the public farm in the colony, the `Cape Palmas Packet' (a newspaper), and the like. Numbers refer to pages in the Journal whence the sums are extracted, and there is an index loose in the front.

1. March 1831 – 1839; Reel #18

2. 1835 – December 1864; Reel #19
D. Balance Sheets

A package has in it balance sheets of the Maryland State Colonization Society for the years 1831-44 inclusive. They seem to indicate total expenditures of $189,940.43 for those first fourteen years of the Society's existence.

1. 1831 – 1844; Reel #19

E. Bank Books

The first bank book has a record of deposits in and withdrawals from the Union Bank of Maryland, balanced at the bottom of each page. At the end there is a list of subscribers to the `Maryland Colonization Journal,' 1843-45. The second bank book covers a longer period of time, with three years' duplication. In the front are the accounts of Dr. George Keyser, General Agent, for 1835.

1. 1832 – 1840; Reel #19

F. Bills

Ten packages contain bills for debts owed by the Colonization Society from 1833 to 1864, inclusive. There are itemized lists of supplies of all kinds, so that the collection provides a vast store of material on the economic history of the middle nineteenth century. The rise and fall of prices is only one phase which catches the eye more quickly than others. An example of the kind of thing found here is a list of medicines bought in October 1854 from J. Irwin Smith, druggist, 122 Pratt Street Wharf. Included are such familiar items as magnesia, calomel, gum arabic, iodine, black pepper, sugar of lead, bicarbonate of soda, ammonia, etc. The total bill is $95.49. Further insight into customs of the times may be gained from odds and ends like the monthly bills for postage, sent out by the Postmaster of Baltimore on regular printed forms.

1. 1833 – August 1837; Reel #19
2. 1837 – 1847; Reel #20
3. 1844 – 1864; Reel #21

G. Check Book

The Check Book has the stubs of 387 checks, with notations of the purposes for which drawn. Among the items listed are: office rent, salaries, travelling expenses, expeditions, medicines and foodstuffs for voyages, etc.

1. December 1853 – October 1875; Reel #21
H. Checks
There are five packages of cancelled checks, covering, with one brief period omitted, the entire history of the Colonization Society.
1. 1837 – 1875; Reel #22

I. Canceled Drafts
Three packages of cancelled drafts.
1. 1847 – 1865; Reel #22

J. Manager’s Accounts
1. Four packages containing vouchers for expenditures by the State Managers and some cancelled checks, 1832-1833; Reel #22
2. Accounts of the Rev. William McKenney with the State Managers, 1833-1836; Reel #22
3. Rough draft of the annual account of the Managers for the inspection of the Legislature, 1834; Reel #22
4. Five packages of cancelled checks drawn by the State Managers, 1834-1851; Reel #22
5. Three packages of receipts to Managers of the State Fund, 1835-1837; Reel #22

K. Traveling Agent’s Books
The books were kept by the Rev. John Leys and the Rev. P. D. Lipscomb during their service as agents travelling through Maryland soliciting funds for the Colonization Society. Information given includes dates, names, residences, and the sums given or subscribed; there are many signatures.
1. 1850 – 1859; Reel #22

L. Contribution Book
The Contribution Book lists contributors and subscribers by localities, with notations of the amounts given and paid. It includes subscriptions to the ‘Cape Palmas Packet’ during 1838-45.
1. 1839 – 1845; Reel #22
**M. Account Books**

1. Account book of Ira Easter, agent, 1831-1837; **Reel #22**

2. Individual accounts, 1833-1839; **Reel #22**

3. Accounts of the Colonization Society with the State of Maryland, balanced, 1833-1851; **Reel #22**

4. General account book, giving receipts and expenditures, 1835-1842; **Reel #22**

**VII. Special Funds**

**A. Colonial Accounts**

1. Thirty-four semi-annual accounts of the colony in Liberia, 1837-1852 inclusive, sent to the Maryland Society by Governor John B. Russworm and other officials. Each report contains detailed figures on the expenses involving all phases of colonial activity: contingent expenses, poor and sick fund, dash account, farm, fortification, medicine, emigrants, repairs, roads, store, mill, jail, ladies school, colony school, nurses home. There is here an immense amount of valuable data on life in Liberia up to the time of the establishment of the Republic; **Reel #22** (1837-1838) & **Reel #23** (1838-1852)

2. Package containing semi-annual reports of the colonial agency at Cape Palmas, 1833-36, transmitted by Dr. James Hall, Agent; **Reel #23**

3. Package containing semi-annual accounts of Dr. Oliver Holmes, Agent, 1836, with interesting inventories of the supplies on hand; **Reel #23**

4. Package containing semi-annual accounts of Dr. Samuel McGill, Agent, 1853-1854; **Reel #23**

5. A similar package containing accounts of Joseph T. Gibson, Agent, 1854-1860; **Reel #23**

**B. Stevens Correspondence**

Copies of letters sent and received regarding the fund donated by John Stevens of Easton, Maryland, for building a vessel to carry emigrants to Liberia. Included are accounts of the ship `M. C. Stevens' for 1856-1863.

1. 1855 – 1868; **Reel #23**

**C. Hall School Fund**

Copies of letters sent concerning the use of the Maryland State Colonization Society funds left after the cessation of active work for the support of a school in Cape Palmas. The transcripts are prefaced by a statement of Dr. James Hall giving the history of the Society and of the School Fund.

1. 1875 – 1894; **Reel #23**
D. Maryland Colonization Journal

1. Individual accounts of subscribers, 1838-1843, with alphabetical index (loose) giving places of residence and page numbers in record book; Reel #24

2. Subscribers listed by localities, no dates; three successive compilations, including exchanges. Lists in back all post offices in Maryland, with the postmasters and their compensations. Inserted throughout are lists of the members of the Legislature in the form of clippings from the 'Baltimore Sun'; Reel #24

3. Subscriptions for 1843-1845, signatures and payments [See VI. Financial Records, E. Bank Books, Book 1 on Reel #19 where this material is to be found]

VIII. Commissions and Reports (Boards and Agents)

1. Commissions, 1832-1837, from the State of Maryland to the Board of Managers for the removal of free people of color to Africa. Signed by Governors George Howard, James Thomas, and Thomas Veazey; Reel #24

2. Package containing reports of the Board of Managers and committees, 1833-1836, with a few letters about slaves to be sent to Liberia; Reel #24

3. Printed copies of the Third, Fourth, Fifth, Seventh, Eighth, Ninth, Tenth, and Eleventh Annual Reports of the Maryland State Colonization Society, 1835-1843, in pamphlet form for distribution to members and the public; Reel #24

4. Loose copies of the Third, Fourth, Fifth, Sixth, Seventh, Eighth, Ninth, Tenth, Thirteenth, January 1852, January 1856, and January 1858 Reports of the Board of Managers of the Colonization Society. There are duplicates in six instances; Reel #24

5. Bound volume containing the Third to Eighth (inclusive) Annual Reports, 1835-1840; Reel #24


IX. Census Records and Vital Statistics of Maryland in Liberia

A. Census of free blacks in Maryland, 1832

1. Compiled by the sheriffs of the various counties in compliance with the legislative Act of 1831, passed as a result of fears aroused by Nat Turner's insurrection in Virginia. There are the original records for Allegany, Anne Arundel, Calvert, Caroline, Cecil, Charles, Dorchester, Frederick, Kent, Montgomery, Queen Anne's, St. Mary's, Somerset, Talbot, and Washington Counties; Reel #32

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B. Census records of Maryland in Liberia

1. Book with lists for 1837-1843, dividing citizens according to sexes and ages, and giving occupations, bound; Reel #24

2. Loose copies of census figures for 1837 and 1843, duplicated in the book; Reel #24

3. Register of births, deaths, and marriages for 1842; Reel #24

4. Report of military strength, 1844; Reel #24

5. Lists of ship arrivals, scholars, imports, exports, births, deaths, and marriages during 1845; Reel #24

6. Census figures for 1848, with statistics of acres cultivated and the different kinds of trees on them; Reel #24

7. Census figures for 1849 and 1852; Reel #24

X. Manumissions and Emigrants

A. Manumission Books, Lists

The lists of persons manumitted include the name, age, by whom manumitted, how (deed, will, or sale), the date, the county, when freedom is to commence, and (rarely) remarks.

1. 1832 – 1860; Reel #25

B. Manumission Books, Copies

The copies of the manumissions are taken from the original documents sent in by the county officials, and they are numbered to correspond with the names in the lists. Volume 1 contains at the end a list of 533 emigrants during 1832-1838, giving age, by whom manumitted, county of record, occupation, destination, how sent, when sent, and the amounts paid.

1. 1832 – 1860; Reel #25

C. Manumissions, Copies

Twenty-nine packages of certified copies of deeds of manumission, wills, and bills of sale, 1832-1860, sent to the Colonization Society by county clerks and registers of wills. These papers are numbered to agree with the lists, but give much fuller information; they are the documents copied into the books just described.

1. 1832 – 1834; Reel #25

2. 1834 – 1849; Reel #26

3. 1849 – 1860; Reel #27
D. Emigration

1. Volume containing a list of the colored people sent out to Africa by the Maryland colonization group from 1831 to 1862, giving ship, date, name, age, county of origin, and occasional remarks; Reel #27

E. Charter Parties

1. One package of charters for vessels to take negroes to Liberia during 1835-1837, supplying full data about the ships and their use for colonization purposes; Reel #27

XI. Liberian Colonization

A. Land Deeds

1. A book containing copies of eleven deeds made between 1834 and 1849 by native chieftains, with confirmations by the headmen of the various districts concerned; Reel #27

2. A package containing the original deeds, plus one other marked Null. The treaties give considerations paid for the land in the form of mutual defence, advantages from the trading posts, schools, General Benefit, and presents or `dashes'; Reel #27

B. Travel Journals

Both sets of journals are extremely interesting reports on the country and the people, with accounts of numerous colorful incidents.

1. A package of journals or diaries of sundry tours in Liberia during 1844-1845, including two made by Governor Russworm; Reel #32

2. The journal of Messrs. Stewart and Banks' journey to the Pah Country in 1845, filling twenty-nine pages and accompanied by a chart of the terrain traversed; Reel #32

C. Miscellaneous Affairs

1. A package of documents relating to the trial of James Thomson in 1837, with the original of Thomson's own statement. He was accused of adultery with native girls while connected with the Episcopal mission, and confessed, but was acquitted for lack of evidence; Reel #27

2. The correspondence between Governor Russworm, Captain Ramsey of the U. S. S. 'Vandalia,' and others relative to the case of the Rev. Mr. Griswold and robberies committed by the natives; Reel #27
XII. Newspapers

A. Maryland Colonization Journal

This paper was published in Baltimore by the Maryland State Colonization Society. The copies listed above are bound in volumes, and there are a number of duplicates.

1. May 1835 – May 1844; Reel #27
2. June 1844 – August 1855; Reel #28
3. September 1855 – May 1861; Reel #29

E. Liberia Herald

This interesting paper was published in Monrovia itself by Hilary Teage, editor and proprietor. Originally a monthly, it shifted to semi-monthly status in 1845. It has value as an eye-witness reporter of events in Liberia during the fifteen years preceding independence and as a reflection of colonial opinion on the happenings of that period. A number of copies are lacking, and after 1851 the gaps are more frequent and quite noticeable.

1. February 1842 – February 1857; Reel #29

XIII. Colonization Pamphlets

1. The Declaration of Rights, and the Constitution of the State of Maryland in Liberia (rough draft, engrossed copy, printed copy); Reel #24


6. The Report of the Committee of Adjudication, of the National Fair, of the Republic of Liberia; Held in the City of Monrovia, December 14-21, A. D. 1857. Monrovia, 1858; Reel #30

7. Message of the President of the Republic of Liberia to the Legislature, at the Commencement of their Session December 1858. Monrovia, 1858; Reel #30

8. Acts of the Legislature of the Republic of Liberia Passed During the Session Commencing in December 1857. Monrovia, 1858; Reel #30


10. Message of the President of the Republic of Liberia; to the Legislature, at the Commencement of their Session December 9th, 1859. Monrovia, 1859; Reel #30
11. Injunction Case. Court of Quarter Session and Common Pleas, March Term, 1858; His Hon: Judge Moore, Presiding. Extraordinary Judicial Proceedings!! and Remarkable Decision!! Monrovia, 1858; Reel #30

12. Fourth Annual Message of Stephen A. Benson, President of Liberia. Delivered to the Legislature, December 1858. (From the New-York Colonization Journal. April 1859); Reel #30

13. A Voice from Bleeding Africa, on behalf of her Exiled Children. By Edward W. Blyden. Liberia, 1856; Reel #30


16. African Colonization. (Letter from Alexander M. Cowan, Agent of the Kentucky State Colonization Society, to John H. B. Latrobe, October 6, 1855); Reel #30

20. An Address to the Free People of Color of the State of Maryland. (By Dr. James Hall, Baltimore, December 1858); Reel #30

21. The Regina Cocli. Correspondence between the Hon. James H. Hammond and John H. B. Latrobe, Esq. Baltimore, 1858; Reel #30


[XIV. Books]

5. Report of Mr. Kennedy, of Maryland, from the Committee on Commerce of the House of Representatives of the United States, on the Memorial of the Friends of African Colonization.... House of Representatives, Report no. 283, 27th Congress, 3rd session. Washington, 1843; Reel #30

6. Tables Showing the Number of Emigrants and Recaptured Africans sent to the Colony of Liberia by the Government of the United States;... Together with a Census of the Colony, and a Report of its Commerce, September 1843. Washington, 1845; Reel #30
XV. Pamphlets [not in original collection]

1. Address of the Board of Managers of the Maryland State Colonization Society. n.d; Reel #31

2. A letter from Gen. Harper, of Maryland, to Elias B. Caldwell, Esq., Secretary of the American Society for Colonizing the Free People of Colour, in the United States with their own consent, August 20, 1817. Baltimore, 1818; Reel #31

3. Proceedings of a Meeting of the Friends of African Colonization. Held in the City of Baltimore on the 17th of October, 1827. Baltimore, 1828; Reel #31

4. An Address delivered at the Annual Meeting of the Maryland State Colonization Society, in the City of Annapolis, January 23, 1835. by Charles C. Harper Baltimore, 1835; Reel #31

5. Report of the Committee of the Board of Managers of the Maryland State Colonization Society, to which was referred the Report of the Committee on Auxiliary Relations of the American Colonization Society. Baltimore, 1837; Reel #31

6. Report of the Committee on the Coloured Population, of answers of the President of the Colonization Society of Maryland, in obedience to the Order adopted by the House of Delegates, on the 4th January, 1841; Reel #31

7. Colonization and Abolition. An Address delivered by John H.B. Latrobe, of Maryland, at the Anniversary Meeting of the New York State Colonization Society, held in Metropolitan Hall, May 13, 1852. Baltimore, 1852; Reel #31

8. African Colonization. An Address delivered by John H.B. Latrobe, President of the American Colonization Society, at the Anniversary Meeting of the Massachusetts Colonization Society, in the Music Hall, Boston, May 25, 1853. Baltimore, 1853; Reel #31

9. Colonization of the Free Colored Population of Maryland and of such Slaves as may hereafter become free. Statement of Facts, for the use of those who have not reflected on this subject. Baltimore, 1832; Reel #31
10. African Colonization. An Address delivered by Hon. John H.B. Latrobe, President of the American Colonization Society, at the Anniversary Meeting of the American Colonization Society, held in the Hall of the House of Representatives, Washington City, January 21, 1862. Washington, 1862; Reel #31

11. Emigration, an Aid to the Evangelization of Africa. A Sermon, preached in Trinity Church, Monrovia, Liberia, West Africa, to the Barbadian Emigrants, May 14, 1863, the Sunday after their arrival by the Rev. Alexander Crummel, B.A. Boston, 1865; Reel #31

12. Letter of the Liberian Clergy, from Monrovia, July 1864 Monrovia, December, 1864; Reel #31

13 Our Origin, Dangers, and Duties. The Annual Address before the Mayor and Common Council of the City of Monrovia, July 26, 1865, the Day of National Independence... by Rev. Edward W. Blyden, A.M. New York, 1865; Reel #31


16. Maryland in Liberia. A Paper read before the Maryland Historical Society, March 9, 1885, by John H.B. Latrobe, President of the Society. Baltimore, 1885; Reel #31

17. The First Report of the Girls' Graded Church School. City of Monrovia, Liberia. Monrovia; Reel #31

18. Inaugural Address of His Excellency Arthur Barclay, Twenty-ninth President of the Republic of Liberia; Delivered January 4, 1904, before the Senate and House of Representatives. Printed by Authority. Monrovia, 1904; Reel #31

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V. Invoice Books
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VI. Financial Records
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VII. Special Funds
A. Colonial Accounts
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VII. Special Funds
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VII. Special Funds
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VII. Special Funds
D. Maryland Colonization Journal
Accounts of Subscribers, 1838 – 1843 (with index)
Subscribers listed by localities, undated
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VIII. Commissions and Reports (Boards and Agents)

IX. Census Records and Vital Statistics of Maryland in Liberia
A. Census of free blacks in Maryland, 1832 [See Reel #32]

IX. Census Records and Vital Statistics of Maryland in Liberia
B. Census records of Maryland in Liberia
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XIII. Colonization Pamphlets
1. The Declaration of Rights, the Constitution of the State of Maryland in Liberia
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X. Manumissions and Emigrants
A. Manumission Book Lists
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X. Manumissions and Emigrants
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X. Manumissions and Emigrants
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XI. Liberian Colonization
A. Land Deeds
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B. Travels, 1844-1845 [See Reel #32]
XI. Liberian Colonization
C. Miscellaneous Affairs
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XII. Newspapers
A. Maryland Colonization Journal
May 1835 – May 1844

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XII. Newspapers
A. Maryland Colonization Journal
June 1844 – August 1855

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XII. Newspapers
A. Maryland Colonization Journal
September 1855 – May 1861

XII. Newspapers
E. Liberia Herald
February 1842 – February 1857

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XIII. Colonization Pamphlets
1. The Declaration of Rights, the Constitution of the State of Maryland in Liberia [See Reel #24]
6. The Report of the Committee of Adjudication, of the National Fair, of the Republic of Liberia; Held in the City of Monrovia, December 14-21, A. D. 1857. Monrovia, 1858
7. Message of the President of the Republic of Liberia to the Legislature, at the Commencement of their Session December 1858. Monrovia, 1858


10. Message of the President of the Republic of Liberia; to the Legislature, at the Commencement of their Session December 9th, 1859. Monrovia, 1859.


12. Fourth Annual Message of Stephen A. Benson, President of Liberia. Delivered to the Legislature, December 1858. (From the New-York Colonization Journal. April 1859.)


20. An Address to the Free People of Color of the State of Maryland. (By Dr. James Hall, Baltimore, December 1858.)


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6. Tables Showing the Number of Emigrants and Recaptured Africans sent to the Colony of Liberia by the Government of the United States;... Together with a Census of the Colony, and a Report of its Commerce, September 1843. Washington, 1845.


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XIV. Books


[No number] General Catalogue of Bowdoin College and the Medical School of Maine, 1794-1889. [title page, pages 91 & 32]

XV. Pamphlets (not in original collection)

1. Address of the Board of Managers of the Maryland State Colonization Society. n.d.


4. An Address delivered at the Annual Meeting of the Maryland State Colonization Society, in the City of Annapolis, January 23, 1835. by Charles C. Harper Baltimore, 1835

5. Report of the Committee of the Board of Managers of the Maryland State Colonization Society, to which was referred the Report of the Committee on Auxiliary Relations of the American Colonization Society. Baltimore, 1837


7. Colonization and Abolition. An Address delivered by John H.B. Latrobe, of Maryland, at the Anniversary Meeting of the New York State Colonization Society, held in Metropolitan Hall, May 13, 1852. Baltimore, 1852.

9. Colonization of the Free Colored Population of Maryland and of such Slaves as may hereafter become free. Statement of Facts, for the use of those who have not reflected on this subject. Baltimore, 1832.


18. Inaugural Address of His Excellency Arthur Barclay, Twenty-ninth President of the Republic of Liberia; Delivered January 4, 1904, before the Senate and House of Representatives. Printed by Authority. Monrovia, 1904.

XVI. Maps

1. Cape Palmas, Liberia, 1838

2. Plan of Township of Harper in Cape Palmas, Liberia
IV. Miscellaneous Letters and Minutes
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B. Travels
1. A package of journals or diaries of sundry tours in Liberia during 1844-45, including two made by Governor Russworm
2. The journal of Messrs. Stewart and Banks’ journey to the Pah Country in 1845, filling twenty-nine pages and accompanied by a chart of the terrain traversed