

terest in the welfare of the free people of color, constituting so large a portion of the inhabitants of the State, I am instructed earnestly to solicit that no change be made in the existing law making the appropriation for colonization. Should the amount not be required for its intended objects, the past course of the Board of State Managers gives a guarantee that it will not be expended, and should it be wanted, and the whole amount of \$10,000 be called for by a largely increased emigration, it is believed that the people of the State will witness with pleasure its expenditures.

I have the honor to be, sir, very respectfully, your obedient servant,

CHARLES HOWARD,

President Maryland State Colonization Society.

BALTIMORE, February 22, 1860.