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ON

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REPORT.

The committee on the Resources of Maryland, to whom was referred the report and accompanying papers, of W. R. Cole, Chief Clerk of this House, in relation to the distribution of the report of said committee, beg leave to report:

That the papers examined give satisfactory evidence of the zeal and ability displayed by Mr. Cole, in fulfilling the trust reposed in him, and of the beneficial results that have already and are likely still further to follow the timely legistation on the subject of Emigration. They find that a very general interest has been awakened abroad in regard to this State, which only requires a liberal encouragement to make it largely conducive to our mutual prosperity. As steps hav already been taken in this direction, prompted by our wise and able Executive, it is not deemed necessary to suggest any further legislation on the subject.

Your committee also find from a statement of expenses submitted, that Mr. Cole, has not only pursued this work without adequate compensation, but has drawn largely upon his personal resources for its accomplishment. Desiring, therefore, to afford him some acknowledgment of our appreciation of his efforts, and reposing the fullest confidence in his ability and energy to give proper direction to the objects contemplated in the bill passed by your body, recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the thanks of this House are due, and are hereby tendered to William R. Cole, for the efficient manner in which he has labored to second the efforts of the General Assembly, to encourage Emigration into this State.

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JOS. HARRIS, F. T. DARLING, JAMES McCAULEY, CHAS. B. CALVERT, UPTON BUHRMAN.