



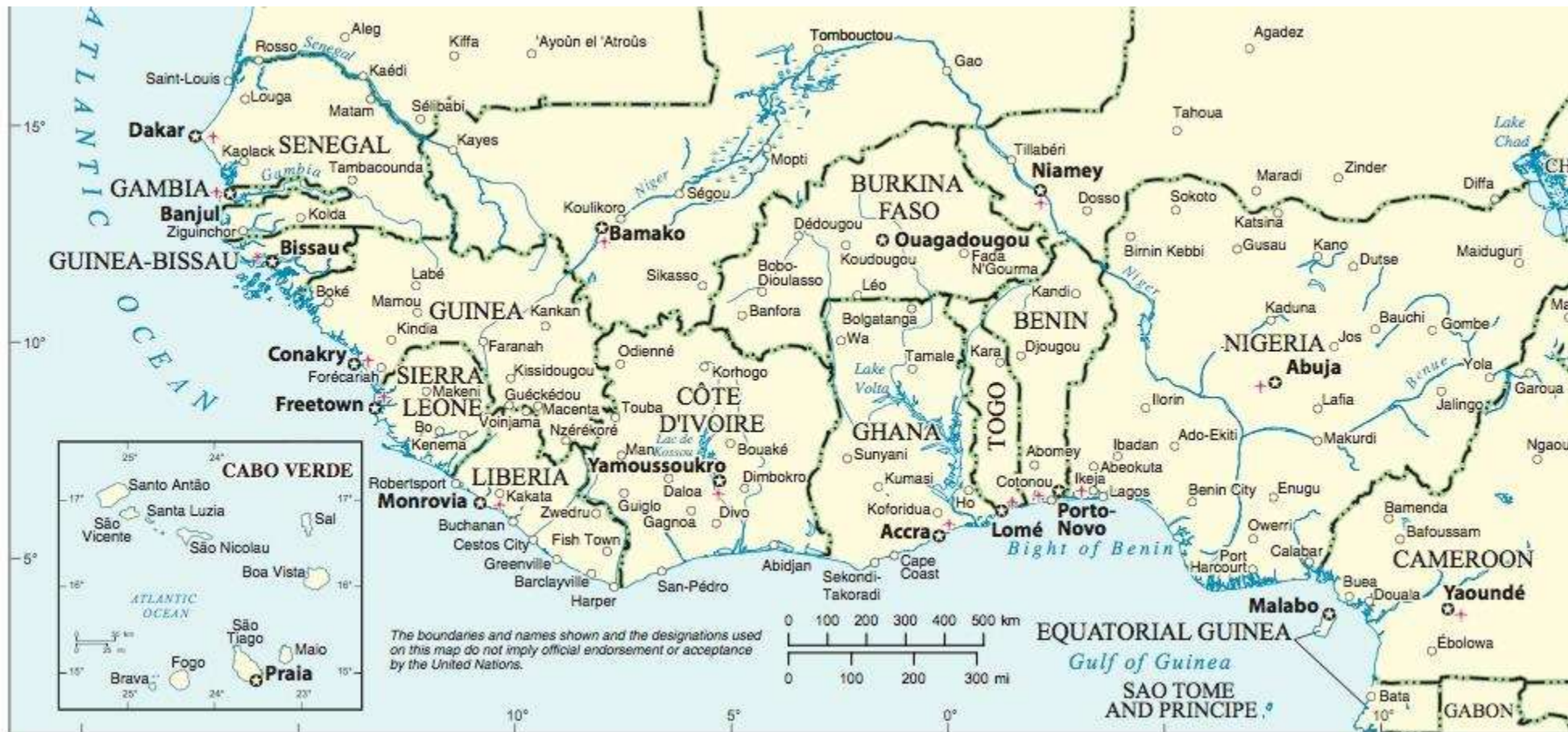
# **Manifest Liberia: The American Colonization Society and the Formation of Liberia**

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# Methodology

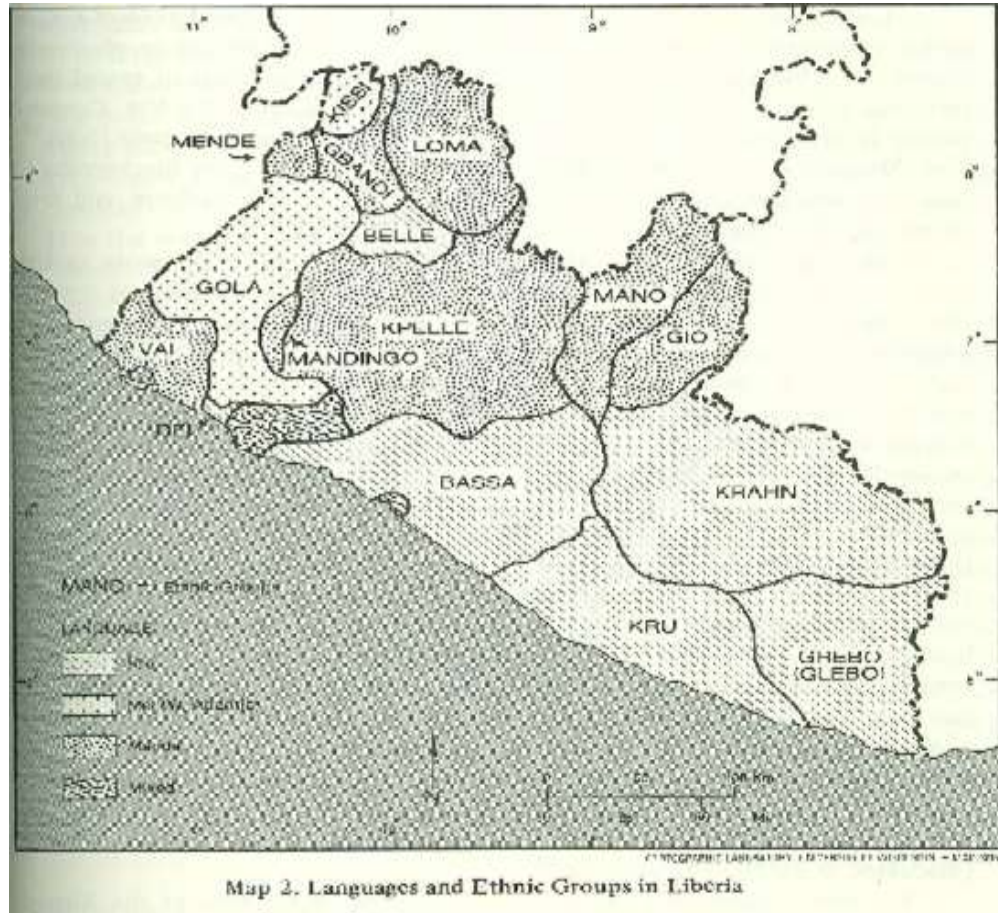
- Religion
  - Dr. Charles Long theory of Religion as an Orientation rather than a belief
  - “how one comes to terms with the ultimate significance of one’s place in the world.” Charles Long
- Manifest Destiny
  - “The expansive future is our arena, and for our history. We are entering on its untrodden space, with the truths of God in our minds, beneficent objects in our hearts, and with a clear conscience unsullied by the past.”





# The Vai

- The Vai
  - Local history
  - Political organization
  - Religious set-up
    - Traditional African religion
    - Islam





# The American Colonization Society

- The creation of the organization
- The members
  - Abolitionist
  - Plantation Owners



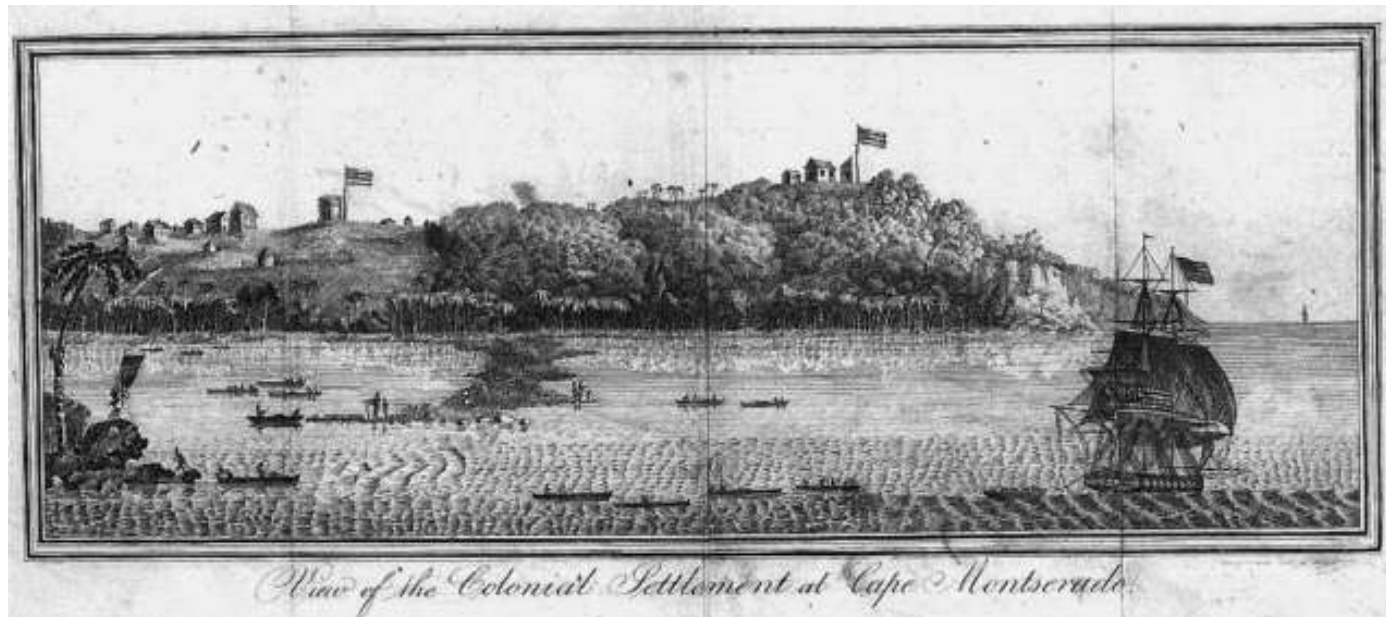
# Black Settlers

- Opposition to Colonization
  - anti-colonizationist
  - David Walker “America is more our country than it is the whites -- we have enriched it with our blood and tears... and will they drive us from our property and homes, which we have earned with our blood?”
- The Christian hopes



# Why Liberia?

- Pre-establishment of neighboring countries
- ACS's decision and acquisition of the land





# Settler Integration

- Arrival to the shore
- Building up communities
  - Hardships
  - Interrelationships
  - Christendom







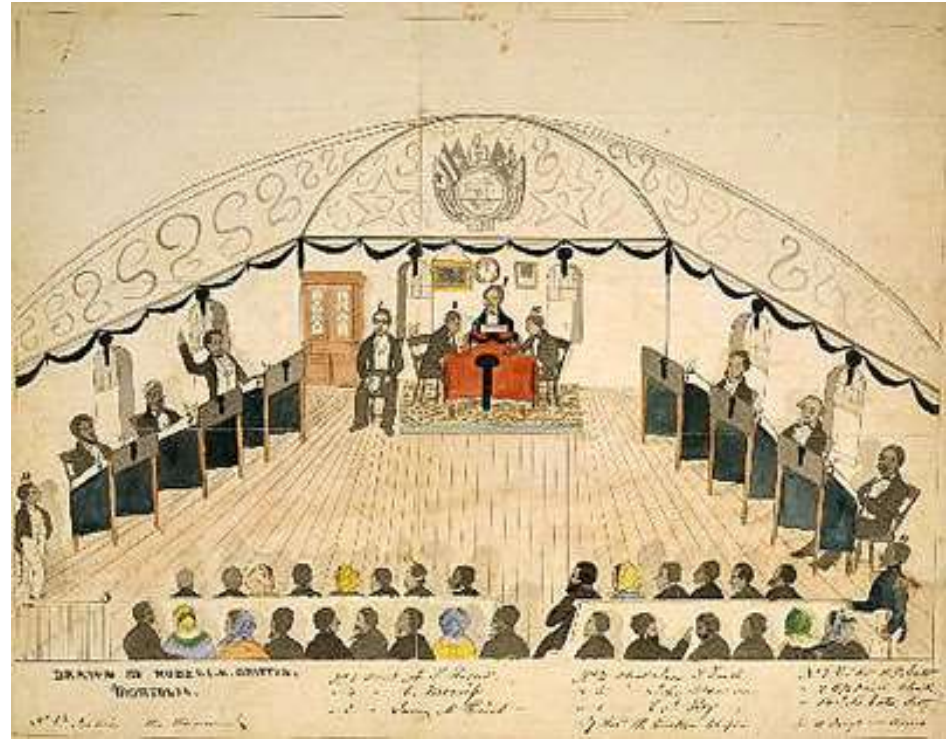
# Local Interaction

- Local Resistance- November 11, 1822
- African Wars
  - Fataba War
  - The effect on settlers



# Independence

- Outside forces and the quest for sovereignty
- Establishing the New Republic- 1847 constitution
  - Section 3 of Article I
    - All men have a natural and inalienable right to worship God according to the dictates of their own consciences, without obstruction or molestation from others; all persons demeaning themselves peaceably, and not obstructing other sin their religious worship, are entitled to the protection of the law, and the free exercise of their own religion; and no sect of Christians shall have exclusive privileges or preference, over any other sect; but all shall be alike tolerated; and no religious test whatever shall be required as a qualification for civil office, or the exercise of any civil right.



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# Hundred and Forty-two years later..

- What effects did these past events have within the twentieth century?
  - True Whig Party

1870-1871



1878-1883



1944-1971



1971-1980

