

LETTER OF TRANSMITTAL.

BALTIMORE, *July 26, 1927.*

To the Maryland Historical Society:

GENTLEMEN:

The publication of the forty-fifth volume of the Archives of Maryland, which should have appeared in the year 1926, has been unavoidably delayed by the death of the editor, Bernard Christian Steiner, which occurred before the volume had been fully prepared for the press.

The loss of Dr. Steiner, unquestionably the outstanding authority on Maryland history, is felt by none more keenly than by his associates on the Publication Committee of the Maryland Historical Society, who have so long enjoyed the advantage of his peculiar qualifications for the position of editor of the Archives of Maryland, which he has held for the past ten years.

In the desire that an adequate record be made of Dr. Steiner's services to the history of his state, the committee has intrusted the writing of the Introduction of this volume to Lawrence C. Wroth, Librarian of the John Carter Brown Library, a scholar deeply interested in early Maryland, and one who was for many years closely associated with Dr. Steiner. Mr. Wroth gives an interesting summary of Dr. Steiner's numerous and important contributions to the history of Maryland.

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