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In bringing to an end this brief record of the work of Dr. Steiner as historian and editor, there may be added a few words in appreciation of a certain personal characteristic that remains a pleasant memory with his friends and with many others who came only into very casual relations with him. This characteristic was his readiness to help anyone who came to him for guidance in historical problems and for information as to sources and method. His knowledge, his retentive memory, his experience were all at the service of the serious student of history, and the needed assistance was imparted with a willingness and often with a zealous interest that inspired the searcher to effort as well as pointed the direction his investigation should take, for though Dr. Steiner was skillful beyond the ordinary in the editing of archival material, his enduring interest was in the living stream of historical research and interpretation. It is with a desire to emphasize the loss in Bernard Christian Steiner of an excellent servant of the State of Maryland that the present Introduction is brought to an end.

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