gainst the danger of hasty or impulsive action in the management of their political affairs, and to impress upon them the necessity of constantly recurring to those great first principles which must form the foundation of all well organized and well governed States.

We are here using all our efforts efficiently to aid you, by seeking to procure for our next expedition as large a number as possible of eligible emigrants, but you are aware from past experience that it is impossible to predict with any certainty what success we may meet with.

We shall at all times be pleased to hear what is doing among you, and trust that whatever temporary difficulties may retard your prosperity, your progress will still be steadily, and rapidly onward.

We have been grieved to hear of the loss which your State has sustained by the death of our friend Mr Capsoli. He was a man who had won our respect and regard, and we esteemed him as a citizen of those whose life would always have been one of usefulness to the community of which he was a member and therefore look upon his death as a public calamity. We will be much obliged if you will offer for us to his family the expression of our sincere sympathy and condolence.

Office Md. St. Col. Society
Balte. July 29th 1856

Dear Sir
Very Respectfully
Your Ob't Serv't
Charles Howard Pratt

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