no immediate prospect of success. My only hope of obtaining a sufficient number of duly qualified Missionaries for the increasing wants of religion are centred in the completion of our Institution destined for the training of boys who may feel inclined to embrace the clerical state. Such an Institution will, I trust, be opened within a few months. But, Gentlemen, I should be truly distressed, if I thought that you would be obliged to look to that remote & tardy source for the accomplishment of your earnest & edifying wish. Meanwhile I can only give you my solemn assurance that disappointment shall not cause me to relax in my efforts to provide you with a Pastor, in case you should not succeed in your application to the Superiors of the Society of J.

Wishing you, Gentlemen, every blessing

I am Respectfully & devotedly yours in X

+ Samuel Abp. Balt.

(Wish you have the kindness to inform Mr Wm Brent of the receipt of this letter.)

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