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My dearest Brother,

Thanks, ten thousand thanks for your

truly entertaining epistle! I would, if possible, pour my
soul out in gratitude to you for having cast one ray
of comfort upon the dark horizon that seems all around
to bound my sight. — Comfort? yes, my brother, more,
in reading one of your letters, than all I receive otherwise for
weeks, months or years together. — You tell me not to despond
— This I by no means do. — That dignity which I have not
out of maintenance will, I trust, never suffer me to stoop
or bow the knee to mean and slaves at hellish despot
Roups and wounds innumerable upon the head — and
in my opinion far preferable to one state knee.

I had rather be censured by thousands for walking erect
than be cowed by millions for complying tamely with
government which is in direct opposition to that
spirit of freedom which my God suffered to be planted
& cherish in my breast. — I think your method of treat-
ing the ignorant & malicious herd of mankind a very
excellent one, and even if it was not. I fancy ^{you} would make
good in practice what was wanting in precept.

To treat with contempt has often a much better effect than
many stripes, or, which is no bad the lashes of the tongue.

The contrast you have drawn between your two dis-
ciples. I think is peculiarly striking. As you
I have seen, I think, one of these your heretics.
If she be one, my brother, —

But I will say but little on this perhaps tender subject
The complaint you make with regard to your not having
sufficient of refined company with which to dwell in
yourself. I think may be answered by considering your
other means for enjoyment in a quiet & retired situation
There my brother you have the feelings of inferiority
instead of the contrary — here you can be a complete
judge, & almost a king instead of a common letter
just broke from your school of discipline — These con-
siderations in my opinion, will far overbalance
the objections which you have stated against solitude
& rural life. — As Pompey said, "I would rather be
governor of a hundred of poor cottagers upon the Alps
than the second man in Rome!" Such is the love
for superiority. But, I do not fear that you will
not be contented. Altho' you may sometimes have
weak & discontented feelings yet by what I should ever
suppose you steer clear very clear of the quagmire of
melancholy & dejection. — I know that I am too
much prone to these feelings — yet I have found a
method in which I have experienced a sure remedy.
It is this — To take a view of all mankind at one stroke.
Then consider myself as a member of the great society
equally regarded by the great & good Governor as the
one lying upon the throne — This my brother
cultures me with contentment with my condition
all at once. — This makes me throw away
all my sorrows &

the wind. Time glides away lightly & happily with
smiling on the brow.

Our friends at C are all well — Athena has
returned from York and as I have heard her
made out well. Your letter to Barnum I shall
send tomorrow by the post to New York to Daniel
Fisher whom I will direct to take particular care
to send it direct & by a trusty person. I think
I will make a small epistle written to the young
females in N. H. which I pray you to deliver —
I shall direct it to Miss Fay as she has the former
ones with which this is connected. There are a few
directions and advice which I promised I would
write in my leisure hours — My regards
out & I cannot write any more Farewell

I am
Bridley Chase of W. Lander House

Philander August 2

- 1793

To his father
brother &c.

Dudley Chase Esq

Mr Danforth
Vermont

Alm to
Judge Chase

