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## Letter to Dudley and Alice Chase

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Worshipful Father

I received your letter in answer to the one I wrote you of our Submission; your kind pity for us re-assures us that we are still tenderly remembered by our Beloved Parents;— Long as I live, may I never cease to feel grateful for all blessings conferred on me, but in particular that I have had Parents who were truly deserving of every possible degree of filial affection and esteem. Worldly fortune may be adverse— I may be brought low by sickness & disease, yet the above comfortable reflection will serve, in a great measure, to mitigate Trouble, to calm the mind into contentment and to draw my affections from this world and place them on that Almighty Parent who is wholly perfect and unboundedly benificent.

I am far from being unhappy. I trust I have reason to be otherwise.



Mrs. Chase will be the bearer of this to Dr. England. When she will visit Cornish I am not able to say. She is still in a very infirm state of health. So much so that I feel a great degree of anxiety for her, in going so long a journey.

Her wishes were to return thither while I remained in uncertainty where I should fix myself for life —

I wrote you some time last fall of my expectation of being employed as Missionary to visit the vacant congregations in this state — pay 500 Doll. per year — Now this will turn

out, for certain, I am not now able to say — There being a Clergyman in that business now, whose intentions are not known whether he will resign it or not the may follow —

— I hope that he does I have applied for the appointment — But more of this, <sup>when</sup> matters are more mature.

I want to make a visit to Dr. England but when that will be I can not tell. —

My time is faithfully employed here — so much so that I have been but a few times out of the City since I have entered it —

You will please to give my love and duty to my dear Mother. My earnest prayers are for her health & happiness — I want to see her —

I am with sincerity  
your ever affectionate  
and dutiful Son

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