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Poughkeepsie June 10th 1800

My dear & Hon'd Father

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Your letter dated the 7 of May 1800 I received a few days ago - It contained the 30 Doll safe. - This is one of the small instances of your goodness, and ~~the~~ promptitude to serve a Stranger Son. A heart full of grateful sensibility is all I have to return - and to a tender father this will not be unacceptable.

The joy that, you say, you all felt at our journey - and the cordial reception with which my letter met on that account constitute not a little addition to that very happiness at which you rejoice. Besides the blessings which are heaped in by a Benificent God on mankind in general, I have many in particular for which the continual streams of the warmest gratitude ought to flow. - The greatest of which is that I see the good of Jerusalem - and my most earnest prayer is that I may see it all the days of my life.

The Church in this place is crowded every Sunday that is any ways tolerable for people to go to. - The number of Communicants increase - and, I believe, the folks grow better - which is the best part of it all. Yesterday, being Trinity Sunday I preached in the Forenoon a Sermon applicable to that festival - I took the method, in quoting Scripture, which Mr Jones takes in proving the divinity of the 3 persons in the Godhead. - The effect was astonishing - never was this doctrine set in that light - as plain that Children might comprehend (as far as the Scriptures meant the

we should get so forible that the wisest could not deny. — I confess that the manner of putting the scriptures together ^{was} not my own. — yet the sermon has done a great deal of good — If Mr Shuttleworth, Dr Green, Jacobs and others of Windsor, would see, and had goodness enough to read that excellent work of Mr Jones bound in the Scholar Armoir (if they are honest men) they must be convinced.

You say Dear Father that Mr Barber administers the Comm^{union} among you. — may God bless him for it; to him be praise that your number encreases.

Tell Mr Therman that I wish him success in his worldly affairs. but really hope that they may not take his attention from the one thing needful. — To say 'I will take mine ease' is not the way to enjoy comfort or safety. — I would not discourage from these things. — No — if we seek first the Kingdom of Heaven they will ^{be obtained} with increase. — Our duty and love to Mother your Son

Phil Chase
Rachel — You seem to be serious — I was sure, if that had been the case — if not I am just I always was loving you sincerely — That your friend D. L. is a Deist no one I suppose will deny unless he hath become a Heathen very lately — That he treated you well I do not pretend to deny — and if he did so when you was sick — I love him for it —

He ought to have praise for what virtues he hath. — No they do not flow from the best of principles — Rachel — your heart is warm exceeding

ly warm — But is there no danger lest this natural warmth of temper will run away with your Religion? — Excellent things are our natural faculties and qualifications when they follow divine instruction — but even the best of them, ^{are} very dangerous when they lead! — Do take care of Rachel — can not you feel without justifying vice may even improve — That you meant this I have no idea yet I have heard you say things which amounted almost to a declaration that there was no necessity for Christianity — a person could be as good as D. L. without it — I will not ^{be} uncharitable to Dr S. — yet I never doth not require that we show up Christianity.

I wish you would write us a longer letter — I ^{read} rejoice us to receive and Father's History & Rachel's — You both have peculiar talents in ~~these~~ ^{those} ways pray to bless them. — Half our pleasure, as happily as we are situated, arises from hearing from home — You tell us of little George — he must think of his father — you must kiss him — Enquire, if you do, if he will — ~~if he will~~ and learn how he does if it be only to write his history ^{for the} pleasure of his fond Parents — Never shall I forgive Dadley if he does not come and bring him next winter; we have set our hearts upon it. —

Our love to Sally and all — Mr Chase been ill but is getting much better

Rachel Chase

Yours affectionately

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