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Letter to Dudley Chase

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Pough 1. Feb. 1802

My dear Brother, I'm surprised that you sh^d
say in yours of 9 10 ult. that you have rec^d but
one voluntary letter from us: we have written to you
frequently. We have also in our communications
been "historically diffuse domestically particular." If you'd
not rec^d them there must have been foul play some
where or much carelessness: I shall therefore enclose
this with some to my Fa^r in a parcel to the Post Off^{ice}
in Hartford requesting him to forward them.

Our love and fraternal greetings to you, then: beg-
ging you to tell my dear Son George before you pro-
ceed any farther that his absence has caused
a charm in my happiness which nothing in
this world can ever replenish. After the death
of our dear, most beautiful and brightly an-
gel Edwin Dudley I felt the loss (pardon me)
I mean the absence of George more than ever.
Philander again stood alone - he frequently wd
call my thoughts from the temporary relief which
they seemed to receive by wondering on more dis-
tant things, back to my sorrow by telling me
that he saw them throw the dirt on the body
of his Brother and that he should never see
him more. The wound is frequently torn open
afresh by this innocent matter. "Edwin is
gone down in the ground - Two' Toms (meaning
of young beavers) put dirt on him he'll never
come here again". Can you these trifles - I loved
this same Child more than ever I loved an-
other in my life - His sick mother committed
the care of him solely to me and he slept in
my bosom by night and my ^{arm} were his pillow
by day. He who gave him however that wish
- to remain him again as his own -
I sorrow not as one without hope - for that it is for
the best, and that we shall meet again, I am as sure as
I am of my existence.

Concert our present domestic affairs they are more
prosperous than they have been since we came here.
We have at present 3 Scholars which bring for
their board and education \$150 this week. This with
a list I've recd from N. York has nearly extricated me
from the Gripes and I'm upon my legs again.

Old Nick Davis the person we meant to see at the
Landing (has probably can even guess for what) turned
out my most bitter enemy. Luckily he is not
joined even by his nearest friends or relations.
You are not the only one who feels an honest
indignation at such an instance of the lowest spe-
cies of Malice in a man of his property. My conscience
bears me witness that I wish not to flatter his
tyrannical spirit by any creeping, or im-
proper condescensions.

Mr. Reade is my best friend still - a Gentleman
a Christian and brother; may God reward him
for his goodness to me for this is out of my
power. Mr. Cooke & family return their ac-
knowledgements of your politeness & wish you
health happiness & prosperity. Miss Belphame
& eldest I expect will (I know not when) be married to
Mr. Atkins. Miss Susan (the next) will enter the
matrimonial state when the pine apple begins
to grow in Nova Zembla. The beautiful young
widow & poetess I married on n. year's eve to a Mr.
Johnathan Risk - he was acquainted with Mr.
Barwick - and now lives at Newburgh a town
the other side of the River; about 14 miles from
the site of this. He is a reputable Lawyer - but
has gotten sadly taken in in the chime of a wife.
Mr. Mepier's family are well - their blind daughter
is now at our house & sends her compliments.
Her mind is as free from the effects of eating of
forbidden fruit as any persons I ever saw

If Rachel our sister would come and live with
us and teach in English three or 4 scholars I
would take them in addition to those I have already
and should be able to make her a handsome
compensation, besides having the pleasure of
her company. I have written to her time & again
but recd no answer. Have they all miscarried or
what is the matter? If this have the good fortune to
reach you may give her a hint. I've offered her 100
Dollars per annu. as a pecuniary bait besides a
hook full of love & affection & thanks &c &c.
If she chuse to M. at its well and good, I am
thankful.

Our Congregations increase very fast: and ever-
thing is in a prosperous train: I long however
for the florid spots in Egypt: - I don't know

why. but - perhaps it is owing to the instability
of my mind. You have heard perhaps that
we've gotten a new Bishop; Ri^d Rev^d Benj^d Moore
of New York: he has given us a most excellent
pastoral Letter. His reward, no doubt, is in hea-
ven. My love to you both over & over again - I
wish I could see you, but the time I fear is far
distant unless you'll come again to Col. M^r is well
and Philander is afflicted no other wise than with
a bad cold. Our love & duty to our Parents.

& tell George that had I an opportunity I'd send him
books and play-things till he became as wise as
Solomon and as sprightly as Garrick.
Dear fellow! my eyes fill with tears while I pray
the Lord God Almighty to bless, preserve and keep
him, especially from all sin & wickedness.
My Dear Dear Br & S^r Farewell: I fervently
pray for your hapⁿ in this Ob^ding^t next
W^m Chase

From Philander Chauncey
to Dudley Chauncey 1802

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Dudley Chauncey Esqr
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You wrote me a letter 2 days in 4 to 5 I had you
have fold - for 8 or 10 then likewise