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## Letter to Donald Fay

Philander Chase

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Mrs. Francis R. Rising  
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Bethel, Vermont  
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The Epistle of Mary to her well-beloved  
father Daniel & Mother Mary —

My dear Father & Mother

Westboro

Fed<sup>r</sup> has left a place  
for me to fill up but I have no news to  
write. I am very glad that you have  
let ~~brother~~ come over here for I believe  
it will be good for him.

If he is industrious & studious after  
months he will be able to earn  
fifty to one hundred dollars per  
and have nearly half his time to  
his studies to qualify himself for  
more substantial employment  
after or as soon as a more suit-  
opportunity shall present.

Tell Almira not to get married  
till she sees me for I want to have  
finger in the eye of choosing a  
for her or at least I want to have the  
pleasure of seeing her again before she is  
married. Give my love to all my brothers  
& sisters & friends & I am  
Mr Daniel & Mary Fay Your Dutiful  
Daughter

Concord Mass Dec<sup>r</sup> 12<sup>th</sup> 1816

Mary Chase



The Epistle of Philander the Priest to  
Daniel the Father of Mary his wife

Dearlly Beloved Father.

Forasmuch as I know thy love to thy daughter Mary & to me for her sake, I thought it no more than my right to be entiled unto a part in this multifarious sheet. Take then the tribute of my most sincere Thanks for thy kindness in sending my well-beloved Brother over to see and to stay with us. He is a promising Lad, & bids fair to be a blessing to Parents and friends. I have offered him a hearty welcome to all the comforts we can afford him in our family. his clothes & his tuition during this winter. If in the Spring he shall be found qualified he will be employed as a Teacher in the School. - It is expected that at first he will attend unto only the smaller Scholars, and as he improveth will proceed to the higher Branches. How much I shall be able to do for him will depend on the benevolence he teacheth and the success I meet with in gaining scholars. We have been very fortunate as yet. We have 20 Boarders now and 3 more have been taken in and are hourly expected. - The day scholars are 40 in number making in all about 60. If nothing extraordinary happen our number will continue to increase. If I should turn out so unactive he will do the duty of a Teacher to whom I should have to give 100 Dollars per ann. In this case he shall receive it and all assistance towards improving his education which we can give him. Now does this suit thee? Pray write to us soon as possible. If it should not meet thy wishes we will make any alterations which Thou desirest. Greet I pray thee my dear Mother & Brethren with my best respects. They are often in my mind - & my prayers are for their happiness. Thy dutiful son  
P. Chappin

Written from Conshohocken. Dec 12. 1704



The Epistle of Jedediah to Daniel his Father  
Poughkeepsie New York December 12th 1804

Most Parents

I should have written you before, or soon after my arrival at this place; but thought that I could be determined upon what I should do here.

Mr Chase thinks it will be best for me to study the greatest part of the time till next May, then if I should be capable of assisting in the school I should be employed in it while I stay here; if not I shall go to work next spring on the farm. My journey over was not so tedious. The next day after I left Bethel I met with a man from Middlebury going to Connecticut with whom I went ~~one~~ miles and it cost me but a trifle.

I arrived at Poughkeepsie the next Monday. At Bethel it was then vacation with the school and Mr Chase was at New York. Mr Chase alone except two or three boys. They have now about thirty in the family, except the day scholars, being about sixty <sup>scholars</sup> in all. I am very much pleased with Poughkeepsie and think that I shall like to stay here very well. Mr Chase tells me that I shall not go from this place till he himself <sup>goes</sup> and when that will be nobody knows.

Best good as to give my love to all my friends as if named.

I am your dutiful son

Mr Daniel Fay

Jedediah Fay