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## Letter to Dudley Chase

Philander Chase

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Hartford 6<sup>th</sup> March  
1816

My dear Brother Dudley;

I am the joyful father  
of another fine Boy. He was born yesterday  
about 11 o'clock in the forenoon. His mo-  
-ther, my dear wife, is unusually well and  
animated beyond expression at our new ac-  
-quisition. As for myself never was I  
so grateful to the Good God who made  
us. If all this be not a dream - if in-  
stead of a wife, exhausted <sup>with</sup> reiterated sick-  
ness pale, emaciated, and apparently sink-  
ing into a premature grave, I have now  
a wife the mother of our infant Boy as  
large and plump, as strong and hand-  
some, as ever our fertile soil produced -  
a mother whose personal health is  
renovated beyond all example - if all  
this be not a dream, I am the happiest  
man breathing: and if it be a dream  
I should like to dream on.



What renders the event of M<sup>rs</sup> C., happy deliv-  
ery peculiarly the cause of grateful emotions  
is that there were some obstacles in her con-  
stitution which, as the Physicians said, ~~had~~  
made all prognostications a matter of  
doubt. Thank God our minds are now  
at ease.

I wrote to Geo: immediately after the young  
Bishop was born. Philander I had sent  
on an errand to Beathensfield. He is now  
in high spirits. He does love you very, very  
much - but will insist, that having written sev-  
eral letters since honoured with any from  
you he, his duty is to remain silent in  
putting his defence on this ground what  
can I say to him? If it be a good adage  
that a boy is not to speak till he's spoken to  
by his betters - the evident meaning will ap-  
ply to letter writing. Having much to do I can  
only say that I am ever most affectionately  
Your Brother  
D. Chase Esquire Philander Chase



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Brother William  
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