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### Letter to Philander Chase, Jr.

Philander Chase

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Caraloga Springs Aug<sup>t</sup> 17-1816.

My dear Son:

I drop<sup>d</sup> you an unfinished letter, when at Albany: I think however it brought my very important history to the important event of my arriving at <sup>these</sup> very important place. Perhaps Keepsie.

Mr Wm Davis rec<sup>d</sup> me kindly and furnished a carriage to ride all about town. I found the place much improved, having in point of numbers increased more than one half since I left.

James Moore & his wife were both well and still remember you with much tenderness. The old man has thirteen houses in the village, twelve of which he rents. Were it not that he also owes much money for them he would be a very rich man. As it is I fear he will have much trouble to extricate himself, though the real value of his estate is much above the amount of his debts. The money due on the bond and mortgage had not been collected: I was fortunate enough to receive it myself; which alone, you very well know, enabled me to pursue my journey to this place.

After visiting the most of my particular friends I started on the 1st inst. for the city of New York.



was fine and the sea just rising as I went  
on board: and without romance I tell you,  
few things of the kind ever delighted me more  
than the beautiful scenery before me all the  
way.

At Albany Mr. Bartholomew's brother,  
the Capt. of the Richmond Steamboat, insisted  
on my accompanying him to his house  
and staying all night. Who could resist such  
disinterested politeness? His daughter whom  
you may recollect to have seen at Mr. Wheel-  
er's, was our hostess, her mother having gone to Kings-  
ton to see a sick sister.

Early in the morning (yesterday) I started in  
the stage for Ballston. When riding about the  
city for papers and on the road for about 8  
miles I suffered very much: so that I had serious  
fears of giving out and trying another mode  
of conveyance. But the roads growing better  
I stood it out and arrived safe at Ballston. Here  
we dined and found every thing well and  
our company pleasant; and our Landlord  
and waiters more than commonly civil.  
The reason of which latter item I find to be this  
all the rap is for Saratoga Springs and those  
of Ballston going down very fast.

Knowing the waters of Saratoga to be better  
it was my original design you recollect to  
drink of them in preference to those of Ballston.  
I therefore found no disinclination to ac-  
company my shipmates to this place where



must decide more particularly  
The Rev. Mr. Feltus of St. Stephen's M.  
is with me at the same boarding house  
I find him more sensible and agreeable  
than I expected. Were it not that the Irish  
character is rather too prominent I should  
like him better.

Dear Philander: <sup>unfortunate</sup> fill with  
tears when I remember that a situation  
I left my dear wife & my dear & beloved  
Mother. - Write to me all about  
self. This and tell me how you know  
as have heard from you than I have  
dear family as I have heard from you  
by how is he & his family & his  
particular. Write me a short &  
comprehensive explanation has  
I engaged, then in 1817. he, the Rev Mr. Feltus  
= liston of Zion Chh. to spend one Sunday  
at Hartford. I hope he has been as good  
as his word and that he has been  
treated well.

My best love and duty to my dear M.  
that and affectionate regards to Sister Al-  
mira & to Phedra.

May God in his mercy have you  
all in his holy keeping! Yours lovingly  
of my particular friends



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My Father  
Bald - Hartford  
Aug. 17. 1816

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