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Letter to Dudley Chase

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Hartford Sept 11th 1816.

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My dear Brother:

When I was in N. Haven, on my way to the Springs, George asked me for liberty to go & make his friends a visit in Vermont this fall. I then told him, that having to make out so much cash to pay his bills, to enter Philander into Cambridge to defray the expenses of his parents on their several tours in search of health and to support the main establishment at home, I feared his otherwise most reasonable request, could not be granted. Since my return he has also come home from College - looks demure - one eye nearly all the time, & some times both fixed towards the Green-mountains - with now & then a sigh ^{imperfect} abalto, that would seem to rend his very heart in pieces. In short I evidently see he is unhappy in his present confinement, and being so, it needs but little knowledge of the parental breast to know I am far from feeling easy myself. He must go and see you and I may as well give him permission with a good, as a bad, grace.

To enter Philander at Cam^{bridge}, I find will be more expensive than I expected, but having prepared himself so well by studying so hard & by denying himself of so many pleasures usually enjoyed by boys of his age I can not in conscience deny him.

Should my boys cost me all I've got in acquiring
a good, first rate, education and in preserving that
character for honour, moral & religious integrity
which (I bless God when I think of it) They now
possess I shall think myself richly paid. —

But All I hope it will not be — and with your
assistance the sacrifice will be but trifling, com-
pared with the object in view. — —

If you would grant me a loan of One Thou-
sand Dollars I could redeem a greater part of
my Phoenix Stock now pledged for monies I have
Taken up — and not be obliged to sell them at their
present disadvantage — —

Can you do this without any inconvenience
to yourself? If so drop a letter in the next Mail
I beg you, that I may know what to do.

Hem!! My dear Brother; when a man
has just begun to ask favours — he — he —
does it with a bad grace. — You'll know
me to be a Tyro in this business from the
incoherence of this scrawl. But then dear
Boys are concerned — or I would dig before

I would beg. And to borrow money
these trying times is on all hands allowed
to be tantamount to begging —

By the bye I thank you for your last very
kind letter. It told me what I should be-
fore that you would do any reasonable thing
to serve me. My gratitude you always have
mingled with every expression of love.

George will give you more pleasure in one
evening by telling the news than I could give
you by writing quires.

Never forget my love to your dear wife
and all my friends.

Your affectionate Brother

William Chase

Dudley Chase Esquire

Dudley Chase Junr is the finest boy in the whole world,
& sends his dutiful regards to his Uncle William

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