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My dear Son:

Hartford Oct. 19th 1816.
K. Ch. 161019

Your two letters detailing the success which attended you in your journey to Boston & efforts to enter the Jun^r. Class Cambridge, were duly received, and you may be assured, afforded no small satisfaction to your parents and all who know you. We all join you in grateful expressions to the Divine Being that he hath thus disposed all things for your benefit. May you continue to be sensible of his mercy and improve all his blessings to your eternal benefit!

Yesterday I returned from attending the Convention at New Haven. Bishop Hobart is acknowledged as our Diocesan and this state annexed to the Diocese of New York.

We have rec^d. one letter from your brother George, stating that all were well and glad to see him. The money which I wished to borrow of your Uncle Dudley can not be had: So we must do without it. Accordingly I have ordered my stock to be sold to pay my notes at the bank amounting, as they now so, to 2009 Dollars. This will be a great sacrifice as Phoenix Stock is 10 per cent below par. I should be & I hope I am, thankful for what is left: & if I can but get George thro' College the dearest object of my heart will be accomplished: but to do this the prudence of you both must be relied on now more than ever.

Your dear Mother, I think is better than when you left us.
She certainly exercises more & has a better countenance.
Bottle Dudley has had a few sick days in cut-
ting his teeth (especially the two come lately on the
upper jaw) which have pulled him down somewhat.
But he is now much better & grows every day more
interesting. His mother has taught him to hold up
his hands and to look inexpressibly woe-begone when
she asks "where's Brother Philander & Brother
George" and says "They are gone away-
away." May the good God continue to bless him &
make him an ornament to our family!

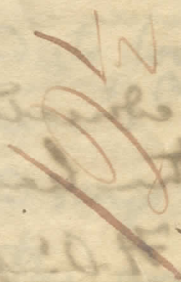
Your hon. Grand Mother is well and often speaks
of you with much affection. Aunt Almira is not
yet married I'll assure you: certainly she increases
in her amiable qualities. Catharine Jane is pro-
gressing in her music and her knowledge of the
world - so far as England can make her do so.
Thelma is deeply engaged in learning book-keeping
and a neat writer I know not. Janette, tho'
a rough jewel, is growing every day more & more
polished. Mary is still looking up & as docile as
ever. We have a new boy by way of "Elph"
about 13 years of age: If I mistake not will be
very useful to us. I am to board & school him for
his services.

Annie's Mother M^{rs} Crittenden has lost one of her daughters about 5 years of age by the spotted fever and another of the Children Camp now at the point of death. A son of course has been much with her mother to help nurse the sick - and we obliged to take care of ourselves.

The Rev. Mr. Cranston, who was educated at Cambridge and knows Dr. Ware and all the learned in that Seminary, was put into the A.O. of Bristol the Concord - N. Haven by W^h. Hobart. Last week he & Mr. Noble dined with me here in Hartford. I much ^{am}propitiated in his favour. Now, Dear Philander, I commend you to God's holy keeping. May the help you in mind & therefore keep you from all things hurtful to either by his gracious Spirit.

When you see Mr. Brinley or his Lady don't forget to make my most respectful compliments to them. Mention me also kindly to the Misses Burroughs. Thank Doctors Harris & Ware for the kind attention they have shown you for your loving Father
O Philander Chase




 Mr. Philander Chase
 member of the Jun. Class
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My Father
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