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Letter to Dudley Chase

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Hartford Decr 30th - W 16

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Dear Brother:

Your esteemed favor of the 25th
inst: has just come to hand.

In behalf of poor Mrs Wipfel I thank
you most sincerely for your kind interces-
sion for her unfortunate son. I carried your
letter and its contents to her as soon as we
and have this moment returned home.
I found her & her two lovely daughters, now
just ripening into life, as usual busily en-
ployed in earning their scanty livelihood.

They saw good news in my face and ere
I began your letter furnished its blessed contents
— The tears of the Mother & the extasy of the
daughters witnessed the sincerity of the benedicti-
—ions which they poured forth on you and all
concerned in this act of mercy. It was a mo-
—ment of great value to me on your behalf—
for if any thing is efficacious (under the Lord's
intercession) it is the prayers of the widow &
the orphan — "the blessing of those who were ready to
perish."

perish. When you return you shall see them; that
they may pay their respects to you in person.

Sam^l W. whose discharge you expected has gone to
see from W^{London}, and will not learn his
happy liberation till his return.

And as to things nearer home.

I should not have let your first letter remain till
now unanswered but for the weighty reasons for which
I see you've been apprised thro' my dear Son George.
My sickness has indeed been afflicting especially when
joined with that of Cyrus and our lovely Babe. But
it has pleased God to give us all a considerable share
of health. My old complaint however still hangs
about me; and Cyrus is still under the Doctors
hands; and from the nature of his complaint
excites our tenderest solicitude. God grant our
fears may not be realized in a confirmed Epilepsy.
! He is so well as to have attended to the business
of the store for a day or two past. Dear Little Ned-
is on the whole better tho' labouring under the ef-
fects of a severe cold caught after his fever had
raged away. Mother I Wth his wife were here &

spent Christmas with us. I was so well as to officiate
on that blessed day though with much difficulty.
They seemed much pleased with their visit; &
the next day took their leave of us; carrying
home with them their Daughter Janette.

As Philander's vacation commenced on the 27th
he by our request obtained leave to be with us
on the day of the Nativity. He rec^d. this day your
kind letter via Cambridge; & values it highly.
In due time you will receive his acknowl-
edgments for your favour. George will be
home about the 10th of Jan: then our dear
family circle will, for a little while, be complete
again. God grant that no untoward accident
may prevent!

Do examine Robt Burnsides' cause with care; and if you
find (as I verily believe you will) his claim well
founded pray do give him your support. I knew
him well in N.O. — He is an honest man —
and by patronizing him your goodness will be
well directed.

All send their best love { your affec^t Brother
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