

Kenyon College

Digital Kenyon: Research, Scholarship, and Creative Exchange

Philander Chase Letters

Archives

3-2-1817

Letter to Philander Chase, Jr.

Philander Chase

Follow this and additional works at: https://digital.kenyon.edu/chase_letters

Recommended Citation

Chase, Philander, "Letter to Philander Chase, Jr." (1817). *Philander Chase Letters*. 60.
https://digital.kenyon.edu/chase_letters/60

This Book is brought to you for free and open access by the Archives at Digital Kenyon: Research, Scholarship, and Creative Exchange. It has been accepted for inclusion in Philander Chase Letters by an authorized administrator of Digital Kenyon: Research, Scholarship, and Creative Exchange. For more information, please contact noltj@kenyon.edu.

Hartford Mar 2. 1813

My dear Son Philam^r

By recurring to your Cal^r
 end^r you'll perceive this is Sunday; and
 it may interest you to be told that it is
 late in the evening; a time that is marked
 with circumstances which fill ^{my} mind with
 emotions which I can not well describe.

I have this day bid adieu to my beloved
 parish - not in a set formal discourse for
 that I knew by ^{my} feelings I never could go
 thro' with; but by other means which tho
 less ostentatious were not the less affecting -

In administering the blessed sacrament
 to remember it was in all probability the
 last time this side of the blessed sphere of
 the Land in Heaven, filled my heart with
 emotions which had well nigh burst its ten-
 ement. It was with great difficulty that
 I performed my duty.

But I need not revert to the past in describing the peculiarities of the present moment. How can I tell you my feelings now that all my things are packed up and I have nothing to think of but the heart-rending scene which awaits me tomorrow! — Tomorrow when with the leave of God I shall embark in the stage for the western world. — May God assist me when the moment comes that I must leave your dear Mother and helpless little brother to my beloved in pronouncing (I pray it may be a short) adieu!

O my dear dear Milander this scene I fear is too much for me. Yet I hope to be strengthened. I shall bless I am confident if I hear that you are & do well.

Remember then that much rests on you
to support my sinking spirits. Pray to God
for strength to resist all allurements & vices,
Take care of your health by constant & mod-
erate exercise. Pursue your studies with ardor
and adorn your mind with every virtue.

Recommend me kindly to Mr & Mrs Brinley -
Address me at Columbus Ohio - where I have
agreed to meet a friend by the 26th of Apr. with
the intention of

I go the upper route by the way Buffalo
- At Batavia I expect to see Saml. Johnson
and my niece Mrs Lee - she then was Harriet
Smith.

I need not tell you with what sincere
devotion I recommend you to God's Holy keep-
ing while I write myself

Your Affectionate

Father

Wm^r Chase Jun^r

Wm^r Chase

mem
bran



Wm Philander Chase
Harvard College
Cambridge Mass

Family -
interesting
E. L.

My Father, Hartford
about 2. 1817