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### Letter to Dudley Chase

Philander Chase

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The Hon.<sup>c</sup>

Judge Chase  
R. I. Senator  
Washington City

Perishable  
Sent March 15  
1826



Wheeling Va. Wednesday

Dear Brother Dudley

P. M. Mar. 1826.

I fear you have been puzzled to comprehend my incoherent note of yesterday. The fact is the event was so unexpected and the hand of Divine Providence so conspicuous that while the business was in transacting I might well be excused for being a little irregular in my expressions.

Mr William Hogg who had answered me so promptly in the negative when I proposed to modify the terms as well as <sup>shorten</sup> the time of payment - Mr Hogg himself came to me the next day and with very little hesitation and as if under the influence of an heavenly spirit - it agreed to take nearly Six Thousand Dollars less than the stipulations of the former article besides making the time of payment much more accommodating altogether as I would have wished. Had before you proved any fur



For this, the Indebted

And now what think you of it? —

If the hand of God is not visible here  
there, in these days can we see it? —

If I am not thankful now, what  
mercies can excite my gratitude? —

My path now is plain before me  
and I can go on my way rejoicing

— One thing I beg you to note:

it is this... That should the full  
extent of the mercies shown me be  
generally known, and thence the cer-

Tainty of fixing our Seminary in Knox  
County be inferred, we should love

much perhaps by far the greater part  
of the subscriptions: for many men

will give to accomplish an object

that they would refrain from giving  
were they certain of its taking place

without their donations. Pray therefore

put the answer to the question, how  
I am coming on? in this shape. — vii



It is now reduced to a moral certainty  
under the blessings of a kind Providence  
~~that~~ should the subscriptions be liber-  
ally made, as one might naturally  
expect in a matter of such vast im-  
portance to the State of Ohio & partic-  
ularly to the middle & northern part of  
it the Seminary & College will be  
located in Knox County.  
This is the only aspect which I wish it  
to assume. The business may assume

9. A.M. this day  
We arrived here safe & found the roads thro'  
Ohio impassible. I shall therefore  
spend some time in visiting on the Ohio  
River thro' the Steamboats. Shall go  
the first boat to Steubenville - return  
here in a few days - go to Marietta  
thence to Portsmouth (4 months of the Sixties)  
perhaps to Cincinnati & thus "while away"  
the time I hope doing some good till the  
roads are better. Always your loving & faithful  
brother Philander Chase  
Judge Chase