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## Letter to George Chase

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My Dear George

Washington March 31<sup>st</sup> - 16

K. Ch. 160331

Although very much occupied at the present with matters of business, &c. &c., I cannot deny myself the pleasure of just writing you here or two in acknowledgement for your favour of 11<sup>th</sup> & 23<sup>d</sup> inst. The letter from your friend included to me I return with my thanks for your attention, and with expressions for your friend & co. as president. I think he gives evidence of good ground work, and of an industry that will enable him to erect a grand superstructure thereon.

The haste in which ~~is intended~~ the letter I am now writing must be considered among more than 20 others that are to be dispatched to day, will not permit me continue the argument in which our correspondence is involved, tho' I think your last position might be easily blown up. I am not it seems to commend men that which is praiseworthy, for fear of vanity and self-opinionated importance. Well then, for the future I will look out for something to blame, and as a censor I must be a detestable character. I have indeed noticed with much interest the brightening prospects in the land of steady habits, I have heard the joyous sound of victory from Dr. Humphreys, and the unchoiny strains of promise from Mass<sup>ts</sup>.

But the result reasons all, and it requires more skill & courage to improve than to gain a victory.

Yes I have heard of the joyful news from Mr. P.  
and have poured forth the effusion of a glad  
heart in grateful offerings to the Giver of  
every good, for the inestimable blessing.

Your Father has written me several  
letters, of a sensible character with those  
you have described. His last however was  
different; it gave me information of the  
sickness of your mother, of her suffering  
& change but that her health was, at  
the time of writing, mending fast, and  
the prospects were bright again -  
Phelander has also written me in  
answer to one which I wrote him -

Farewell Dear George, I hope to see  
in April perhaps 28<sup>th</sup>

Yours most affectionately  
D. Chubb

M. B. L. P.  
March 31<sup>st</sup> 1816