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### Letter to Dudley Chase

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My dear Brother

R. Ch. 070223

What, in the name of reason, is the cause of your not writing to us? Have you forgotten that you have a Brother who has left with you his fondest affections and that which is dearer than self his darling boys—now, far from you:—a brother, who thinks of you by day and dreams of you by night—who prays for you without ceasing; and looks forward to none more happy period than that in which he may be permitted once more to embrace you? But perhaps you have been too much hurried with the cares and vexations of your Calling. Perhaps you have been mostly from home siding your tedious Circuit—any excuse rather than to suppose you ill, or that you have begun to lack what is dearer to me than much fine gold—your esteem and your love.

We are very well but have met with a great loss (for us,) in that all our Furniture our Chair Clothes and beds, together with several valuable articles we had purchased in New York are gone to the bottom of the Ocean in the Edly Eliza which sailed from New York on 4<sup>th</sup> 12<sup>th</sup> of Dec<sup>r</sup> 1806 & has not been heard of since.

I think I informed you that when we arrived in N. York a favorite vessel had already cleared out for N. Orleans, on board of which we could not take any thing but our persons and a few Traveling articles. Every thing else we left in the care of a friend carefully put up, to be shipped on board any vessel soon sailing for N. Orleans. This was accordingly done in the vessel above mentioned and all are gone, as there is not the least doubt. But that is 1500 or 2000 \$ to us compared with the dreadful loss which others, the friends of those who were passengers have sustained. M<sup>rs</sup> M<sup>rs</sup> Fowler and 6 Children of Fishkill one of which was my scholar, at P<sup>er</sup>, M<sup>rs</sup> Fowler's sister M<sup>rs</sup> Betan and her two Daughters and another sister M<sup>rs</sup> Garland sailed in the same



be put and have all, all, perished!! Philander will re-  
collect Dick Fowler, a fine little fellow for whom I had  
a tender regard, and was about the age of George. This melan-  
choly event has affected Mr Chase and myself exceedingly.  
Mr F. was a particular friend of Mr C. and as they were  
coming to reside in this Country we hoped for much pleasure  
in a continuation of mutual friendship. Fowler was an o-  
pen warm hearted fellow. Generous and brave he loved  
his friend and stuck to him whether fortune smiled or frow-  
ned. His wife was born in Demerara and was educated by Mr  
Waller her Father an Englishman, in a manner far  
superior to what is usual in the West Indies. It was a treat  
to be in her company to partake of the rich stores of her  
lively fancy and retentive memory. But they  
all gone!! The Cold Billows now rolls over them  
who were so lately the life and ornament of society.  
— God's will be done.

Now we shall recover our pecuniary Loss. I do not know.  
I had purchased 2 good servants, and already set them  
to work in our Garden about 8 miles below The  
Tavern and was anxiously waiting the arrival of our  
goods. Being disappointed in this expectation I must  
turn my thoughts towards some way of procuring  
other furniture; which can not be effected here un-  
der 1200 Dollars. I have no plan as yet matured  
for this purpose — but hope that I can be able to  
hire this some for one year at the end of which  
if we are blest we can discharge the whole —  
When I am so happy as to do this I will write you  
that your anxiety for my welfare which I know  
by my own heart is great, may be relieved. —

By the vigorous measures which have been ta-  
ken by Govt. the The Troubles of our Western Coun-  
try are at length appeased. All things again ap-  
sume their wonted peaceful train. The public



Confidence is again returning. Our Rulers in  
Washington begin to see that the milk of human  
kindness is not quite the thing to satisfy the  
smarrows of mind aspiring adventures who  
flock into our western world. The Trial of some  
of "Mexican Society" is now taking place in  
this City. The proceedings of the same it is said  
will be printed - if so - I will try to forward you  
a copy, via Boston.

Our Church matters are in a prosperous train.  
— Our troubles seemed to give them a check for  
a while but all things are again beginning  
to flow on in their usual channel.

Our dear, darling, Boys! God bless them,  
I hope are improving in their studies and in  
your kind favours. Keep them big as they  
are for their fond Parents! —  
Tell them to be good and studious if they wish  
to make us happy.

M<sup>rs</sup> Chase repeats with me her affectionate  
compliments and best love to the Mother  
of our dear Children, and to all our  
friends. Farewell! I again dear Brother  
I hope soon to be able to give you a good ac-  
count of successful endeavours to extricate  
ourselves from our present embarrass-  
ment. Do write me if you have <sup>red</sup> the letters  
I wrote you from New York and on my ar-  
rival. N. Orleans Feb. 23, 1807 } Yours loving Brother  
Dudley Chase Esq. } Milander Chase



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