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Letter to George Chase

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K. Ch. 170404
Randolph April 11th 1817

Dear George

We are all here, viz Uncle Decker, Aunt
Oliver, Mrs Budget & her three little beautiful children,
Caroline, Oliver Mary & Betsey Brown and George
Brown, all residents & domiciliated here in the old
mansion except the gentlemen just named
mentioned who is here on business. All join
in sending love to you with assurances of
the most affectionate greetings whenever you
shall make your appearance amongst us.
Your Aunt Oliver & I have this morning
returned from a visit to our Beloved Friend
where we found all well & happy, save
those sorrow & melancholly feelings arising
from an unknown & unparalleled scar-
city of food for man & beast. Indeed the
general want is such as frequently to force
us into a view of scenes that wring the heart
with the keenest agony - not to be mitigated
by affording relief - which few have the power
to do. The struggle will be cruel, during the
ensuing summer. When the question is, who
shall starve? Reason or humanity, have no
voice in the decision. Addison^{has} written us two
long & excellent letters bringing down his dates
to 24th Feb^y, which letters we read this morning
on our return from Bethel. His style is that
of contentment & good resolution. Persuade with

him are rather more promising than they have been
of late. He says he hopes ere long to revisit the
scenes of his early infancy in a condition that
will enable him to look his last friend in the
face without a blush. Beau Merry the good
fellow not be disappointed. — I had a very
excellent journey from Hartford home. Good
Sheeping from Northampton as you are used.

Mr. Budget has lately rec^d. a letter from her
husband by which we learn that Jacob
Harter, (who you must recollect) (he lived
with Aunt Respell) and who had married, and
carried off to Ohio, Sally Budget, the oldest
sister of Luther, was dead, and his wife left in
a distant land ^{among} a strange people with prospects
sad & gloomy. Luther writes in such a manner
as to keep alive the small & faint blaze of hope
that yet glimmers with its feeble glimmering
the sorrowful bosom of his most excellent and
injured wife. You know I have no hopes. I
can only wish. And when my reflections are
in a certain train I almost cease to do that.

I have this far written fullness, exactly
the threat of disease which has been carried on
by Mr. Duane your Aunt & myself. But your Aunt
is called out by the rains and I will begin de novo.
On my return I found our cousin Asa Smith solemnly
prepared for the payment of about 1000 dollars which
he owed for debts contracted in his speculations with
Horace Respell. You know I could not stand by and

see him suffer, whilst it was in my power to help
him out of his difficulty. So I discharged the demand
and took his security to repay when he came.
10 weeks - This has slightened my finances
in some degree within their common
range; but all be well again.

I hear melancholly news from Thence, as to
the health of your Uncle Thomas. He is very
much out of health, tho not so bad as to be
unable to be absent his ordinary business. Yet
is daily declining, and it is feared he will not
be long.

Your friend will receive your kind remem-
brance at my hand, with expressions of
gladness, & testified the greatest satisfaction, that
you intended to reside among us, after
you leave Dr. Hare.

It is now nine o'clock, when the mail is
to be closed - I have written in the utmost
which must excuse innumerable & want of
arrangement. I could not delay writing you
a word or two till another Mail.

All son done to you - write us soon
& often - Yours most affectionately
Dudley Colver
Mr George Chubb
Dr. H.

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Apr 4. 1817.

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