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Letter to George Chase

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May 11 - 1867

Randolph May 11. 1867. Uncle Dealey.
Recd at Mr. C.
Griswolds Hartford
during vacation

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Dear George

Rumford May 11th 1817

Your much esteemed favors of Apr. 23 and May 2^d & 3^d were recd in due season. That I have delayed thus long to answer the former, will be readily excused by you when you are made acquainted with the many reasons that are ready at hand to offer in my behalf; and as your last letter was recd. this morning, this prompt & hasty letter written by candle-light, after a day of toil, and sweat at the plough-tail, will go far to support my apology for former ommissions. In three words, my business has been uncommonly pressing & perplexed this Spring; so that I have scarce had time to arrange my thoughts, and to range my body up to the writing-table, for any other purpose but the dispatch of business of a pressing nature. So, dear George, don't fail to look thro' the proper medium of charitable construction on my failures, and your assurance of my utmost regards will suffer no diminution.

I see, plainly, that you begin to entertain a dislike to my French project. How many real objections, tho' checked in the gate of acquiescence, do you think I discover - as that I send to the project afore, in your last letter?

No French boarding-house in Boston, — Wanted to see B. P. when he should visit Rumfordshire — should not see him for a long time else — wanted to see you — Cousin George — the P. project introduced — parental fears & objections — tho' yielded up at last reluctantly, — expenses would be much larger than we had calculated — many severe & hard times, especially in Vermont — see, de. de. de. de.

Well, George I will take all these items into serious consideration, and as long, will give you my poor opinion upon them, assuring you however, that I feel entirely

disposed to answer moderate the cause to your liking, I don't
begin to think it will be almost too long an absence
if it should be asked out till November.

I shall expect the promised letter from your mother
with anxiety & much interest - Pleasure like hers is
rarely to be found in the female character. Please
present her my best respects & we most wishes for
her prosperity & good success thro her ardent prayers.
Phelander wrote me on 1st Inst, he says 1000
most excellent things, and speaks in raptures
of the happiness he shall enjoy while at Braintree
the approaching vacation.

Poor Cyrus - I feel dreadfully apprehensive for
the consequences of his alarming disorder.

Being in great haste as Couches who will
take this to the next post office, I must
close. I have only time to tell you that
your Aunt says she feels an increased anxiety that
you should return to your quarantine home as
soon as possible, that she fears you may indulge
in too melancholly a train of reflections, especial-
ly as your Father & Mother & family are so anxious
for you. She conjures you to be cheerful and
happy as possible and not afraid of her increased love
& affection. I have 1000 things to write about
but I have not time at present & they might
not be interesting if I had.

I will write again before long. Continue to
write often. All kind love to you.

Yours forever

Mr George Chase.

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