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Fragment to letter to Philander Chase

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Copy of a Letter of
Rev. Wm. White to
Phila. Aug. 13.
Rev. Mr. Phil. An. Chas.
Rev. Rev & dear Sir

I rec^d. your letter of July 22
a few days ago. & that of the 29. This day.

In the former you intimate your desire that I
would drop to you a letter approbatory of your
design of repairing to England to solicit pecuniary
beneficence for the Church in Ohio. & in the latter
you request that I may cause prayers to be put
up for the success of the design.

As the contemplated measure seems to me to
embrace considerations interesting to our
Church at large I find it incumbent
on me to decline compliance with yours
not without great pain on account of
necessity which I conceive to be imposed
on me by official consistency.

At the time of organizing our Church there
was ~~an~~ sentiment more current with those
concerned in the business than the expe-
diency of avoiding all application to a
foreign source except in the single act
of obtaining the Episcopal consecration
a line of conduct towards our Mother Church
not dictated by want of affection or of
respect which was hoped to be cherish-
ed for her to the end of time but because
of the effect which might be
produced

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our civil interests in the United States. Your case is not the first which has brought the subject into view. Whether a lapse of nearly 40 years have caused a change of opinion in this respect is more than I have materials to judge of but I trust for myself that after having acted on ^{the} principle through so long a ^{tract} of time my continuance will not be imputed either to want of affection for a Brother Bp Shop or of zeal for the prosperity of our Church. ^{I do not} I do not wonder that you should

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About son Philander

Will^m White

Corrections added from Bp White's draft of this letter in possession of Midland Book Shop 1/10/50. W.

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