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Letter to Sophia Chase

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K. O. 320 117 1882
Canton Wednesday 17 Jan. 1881.

My dear Wife.

After the ship up I had when Dudley was present near Hunt's mill, I met with no material accident.

I reached North Haven, within 10 miles of this place, the first day; and the next yesterday, I came thro' the rain to the house where I am now writing this. Mr. Dewalt's Inn is an excellent tavern it is.

I sent for the printer Mr. Paxton Editor of the Paper in this Place, who after making known my desires and the nature and extent of the work, freely told me he had not the means, however desirable the job might be in point of interest and personal feeling in my favor, to accomplish it in the time I would wish. So destitute was he at this time of hands to set up & work off jobs of this nature that the utmost he could do would be to print 3 pages of Octavo per week: and this would in his view of the quantity I had for the press occupy

all his extra force for four months and upwards.

He told me moreover that, except Paris, Sten-
benoville was the only place where I could
get the work done to my mind: and that
Mr Wilson of that City (Stenth) he knew
would do it to perfection. That he had no
doubt he would not only print expeditiously
and cheaply but that he would make the
sheets I wanted either in a quarto or ^{8vo}
form appear as "Extras" of his Gazette
& thereby avoid the high postage of par-
aphlets, so that I might send weekly to all
the printers in the U.S. 3 forms; or 24
pages of an octavo book every week &
also what I wished to my particular Friends.
This he said would be his advice.

I need not tell you that I am inclined
to take it. The only pain I feel in so doing
is that it will throw me so far from home
and disenable me from fulfilling my
appointments for preaching in the Val-
ley of Peru. But the work before me

being of so imperious a nature I must forego
these pleasing duties and obey the dictates
of ^{Necessity} duty. I think I shall be in Steubenville
if the Lord will by Friday night.
In the meanwhile and always, Pray for
me, and be assured of my unceasing & most
tender affection of your husband P. Chase

I can not read this letter without entreas-
ing you and all our dear Family to remem-
ber God's Redeeming mercy: & to suppli-
cate his Sanctifying Influences, & thus be in
continual preparation to meet His will be that
for life or for death. P.C.

Expton: Pa.
Jan. 4. 20.

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Mrs Sophia M. Chase

Valley of Peace
Near Millersburg

Will the Wm. in
M. be so obliging as
to forward them in my
directly, that the expense to the aid of P. Chase

Letter to
Mrs Chase
When sent
in Canton O.
Jan 1832