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Sturbeville 9. Feb. 1832

Dear Brother Dudley;

Our correspondence has been interrupted for a long period. If the fault be on my side I am now about to make amends for it in writing you a long letter which I know you goodness would rather read than without than with apologies.

Great changes have taken place here in my condition; and no doubt you will be common with all my friends feel much gratification in being made acquainted with the causes that led to them and the manner of their being brought to pass. This satisfaction I trust you will receive in perusing a little book I have been writing entitled my defense against the late Conspiracy on Garrison's "Milk".

I have already inclosed six of the first forms amounting to 48 pages of the pamphlet and as soon as the other part perhaps about 12 pages more shall be printed I will send that also.

Instead of making a summary of the argument drawn from the documents shewing the intention of the founders as to the government of the Institution I preferred an application to a Legal Character of the first rate reputation among us; and from him obtained an Opinion with leave to make it public in my book. Nothing can be more to my purpose than this opinion. It unhesitatingly gives the supervisory power of our Seminary into the hands of Genl Convention and the Bishop; & states clearly that the law of the land in Ohio having even in the Court of Common Pleas a chancery jurisdiction will require the Seminary to give an act. to the above named authorities even in matters of money as well as discipline. I ask no greater triumph over my enemies than this.

I shall be able to send you the Conclusion of my Pamphlet containing this opinion in the beginning of ~~the next~~ the next week. After which I intend to return immediately to my home in the woods on Sarah Russell's land. There I shall stay till the month of April when I think of going in search of a place of residence (for the little time I have stay on earth) out of the State of Ohio. This probably will be on some of the open prairie land of Michigan or Illinois —

After the treatment I have met with from the State of Ohio I can not feel it my duty to try to be ^{within her borders} useful; there will be so many remembrances of ~~past~~ ingratitude as to ~~pre-~~clude all hope of cooperation to any good effort with those who have injured me. Besides I am old and worn out and want retirement from all scenes of contention. While I have breath I shall always preach the Gospel and wherever I am shall strive to build up Christ's Kingdom in the hearts and lives of all around me as I actually do now whether in the woods or cities. But as for mingling with the world in politics or with Conventions of public bodies on ecclesiastical matters I think I may be excused.

As for its being out of the power of a Bk. to resign I do not hold with Mr White. I was one among other Presbyters who received the Resignation of Mr. Provost of N York: and to this day think I did right in so doing.

I trust that having read my "Defense of myself" ~~shall~~ and considered my case in all its bearing you will with me perceive no way in which I could with propriety ^{have} acted differently.

While I was bishop I was tied to remain in the
Hills: and while the Party existed against me
they would have kept the same Teachers
in place and given me none others to car-
ry on the operations of the Institution: The
result would have been in one of these two al-
ternatives. either to surrender my conscien-
tious Principles of duty or to maintain them
by continual contention, war, & personal
force. To neither of these ways I inclined to
submit: therefore chose a third that
of resigning my office & retiring in peace.

and now dear brother I am coming to a close
of my letter: but before I do so I cannot refrain
from assuring you of my love and affection
far beyond my power to describe. If I could
never to meet you again, even to see you face
more in this world, pray write to me & tell
me your mind on papers. Above all assure
me of your faith in Him who alone can
reunite us when after we die to meet each
other again in Heaven. Tell me of your
love to Him because He first loved us &
gave himself for us; the just for the
unjust that He might reconcile us unto
God. My best love to your dear wife &
all relatives. Your loving brother Phil Chase

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