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## Letter to Philander Chase

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Ever my dear Friend with love & blessings to all belonging to  
you your faithful & affectionate brother in Christ James  
W. Loder & Mann Jan. 2 - 1834

Right Reverend & dear Brother

[I think I owe you a letter, and I write this to  
entitle myself to another letter from you. I shall always be happy  
to hear from time to time of your progress in breaking up the  
fallow ground of the soil of Gilead, and the soil of the heart  
to receive the seed of the Gospel. I pray God to give you the  
full fruits of your labour in Spirituals & Temporals. I have no  
doubt but that you are passing more peaceful days than you have  
known of late years in the Diocese of Ohio, and you have still an  
extensive field of usefulness around you. It would be of great  
importance and happy consequences to the Episcopal Church, if the  
new planted region in which you are settled had a Bishop & Missionaries  
under him, to anticipate other denominations, and provide Houses and  
Ministers of our holy religion, as fast as the population increased. The  
Church has always lost ground in the Colonies, in not being before-  
hand with the Papists and dissenters. The poor creatures will  
naturally walk into the first place of worship they meet with in a  
strange land, and will naturally adhere to that, were they first  
received the consolations of the Gospel. Pray therefore the Lord of  
the Harvest that he may send you the required Labourers. I have  
no doubt but that there are many of your old Friends in this  
Country who if you had once made a good start in your old way of



promoting religion and learning in your new wilderness would send  
you help. - Perhaps you are not aware that the sainted Hannah  
More is gone to her eternal rest and high reward having left you  
a legacy of £ 200 - she died in August last, and never could have  
heard of your exile. or of ceasing to be Bishop of the Diocese of this -  
I shall see after this affair as soon as I go to London in the Spring  
and shall let you know all about it]. You perceive by the date  
of this that I am now in the seat and tranquil scene where you  
first found me near 10 years ago. before half that time passed over  
our heads in all human probability you will have lost your  
Friend and correspondent of Great North-st. - being now in his 79<sup>th</sup>  
year - blind of one eye, and seeing but imperfectly with the other -  
But old and weak as I am, it pleases God to shew his strength  
in my weakness, and to make me an instrument of promoting his  
glory, and the benefit of ~~the~~ people of my Diocese in a degree  
wonderful to myself. I have raised £ 13000 in voluntary contributions  
with which I have built a noble College for the accommodation of  
300 Boys with a Chapel annexed, 8 new Churches, and others  
enlarged in accommodation. Some of the new ones supplied with most  
efficient and devoted ministers, and the College opened, and  
increasing rapidly in numbers, having a Principal & five Principal  
& four other masters. all men of the first reputation - three of them  
graduates of Cambridge. Scholars & Divines of the first celebrity -  
My chief object in coming over to England at present, is to obtain



an endowment, and a Charter from the Crown for my new College.  
Which the King has permitted me to call. King William's College. Isle  
of Mann. I have also obtained a grant of money from the Government  
for the erection of schoolhouses in all parts of my Diocese where they  
may be wanted - in the erection of which I mean to adopt a plan  
which I recommend to you till you can raise money to build  
Churches - There are many parts of my Diocese from 4 to 8 miles  
from any Church containing considerable portions of the population.  
These creatures stand little chance of religious instruction or of  
the ministrations and ordinances of the Church without  
Chapels of ease. Were my funds not equal to supply  
all the Chapels that are wanted. I purpose raising  
a little sanctuary about 30 feet square opening by  
folding doors into the end of my new school-house, which shall be  
long - This sanctum shall be open for Divine Service only, containing  
an Altar & Church character, which with the School will accommodate  
a considerable congregation. The Chapel end shall be raised  
considerably higher than the schoolroom, with a little belfry to hang  
a Bell. I have much to say about kindness to you from good  
Mrs. Harriott and others of your old Friends - but having but little  
of my paper remaining. I must ask you a question which I beg you  
you will answer as soon as possibly convenient - There are two or three  
fine young fellows of the Farmer labouring Class that are determined to  
go over to America with the hopes of making better bread than they are  
making on Irish soil by the sweat of their brow. I believe they have a



Poor dear Mrs. Marnott thanked me for an extract from (she says) our dear friend Mr. Chase's letter, which interested me most particularly. The course of that good man's life has been most wonderful. From shortsightedness it seems sad & strange too that he should not have remained to finish that which with such zeal & labour he had begun. But he is fitted to plant as well as to build up. The work therefore appointed for him by the Lord of the vineyard, is to move on & on in that great spiritual as well as natural wilderness, bearing the good seed with him, and assuredly he will not lose his reward. He is much to be pitied, & much now at all events to be admired for the simple desire to spend & be spent which is evinced by his beginning the work in another sphere of uncultivated land & people. May he be blessed & strengthened in his work."

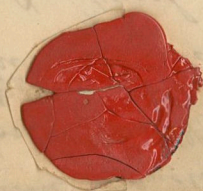
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Thank  
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Dear Lord

Wm. W. Phelps (Hare)



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little money, & might be able to purchase a few acres of land. My Brother in Ireland recommends them strongly for honesty & industry, love & ability - and as my Brother is anxious for their welfare & well-doing. I should like much to put them under your wing if you could advise their going over to the neighbourhood of Fifehead - It would be a great blessing to such strangers to have such a friend as you before them, as you would be able to advise & direct them for the best, and perhaps get or give them employment, till they had time to look about them. They are thinking of going over in the course of the Spring, but they shall not sail till there will be time to hear from you in answer to this letter. So may be so good as to let me know what encouragement you can hold out to them -