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Letter to Philander Chase

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Bishop's Court.

Nov. 5. 1834

My very dear Brother and never to be forgotten
Friend

[I fear you have been expecting and longing to hear from me before this in reply to your last interesting packet. I did not however delay to follow your directions, and make your case generally known to your Friends. I will enclose notes from two of them who always have your Person and your Cause warmly at heart. All that I can promise is that I shall not drop your cause nor fail to mention ^{it} wherever I find I can be serviceable to you. In the mean time you will be so good as to let me ^{hear} from you from time to time, as always when I hear from you I make use of your letter to renew the subject. Your persevering struggles to serve your great Master and win souls to Him in your adversity as well

as your prosperity, must interest every follower
of the Saviour in your favour. But whatever
may be your adversity or tribulation here, if you
make use of a far more exceeding and eternal weight
of glory, you will join the society of the noble Army of
Martyrs of whom the world was not worthy.

I have been reading and re-reading and reading
again, the two volumes of Bp. Ravenscroft. May
tell me how they are received and esteemed in
your Episcopal Church and your other Republican
Community. He has revived a subject which I
have often lamented has been too much lost sight
of and almost totally neglected in our Schools and
Pulpits and fire sides. I mean the distinctive
character of our Church - its Apostolical descent,
Commission and authority, its unity, Antiquity,
Universality, its Sacraments and order. The
consequence of this has been that our people have
grown up without seeing the difference between
the meeting and our Church - and many think
they have both the same origin and divine authority.]

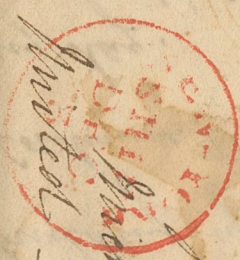
Our Lion at present is surrounded by a host of enemies - full of bitter hostility. and I know not which of the two ~~are~~ the more bitter and formidable - Papists or Dissenters. - Our house of Commons is full of them both, and we have only the great Head of the Church for preservation and protection. They are both gaining ground, and drawing off the members of our Church - and all this because our people are not sufficiently instructed in Bishop Ravenscroft's doctrine. But I am endeavouring to follow your example, in building up the Church; and with God's blessing, will continue to do so during the short remnant of my day. I hope to have 10 or 12 new Churches built before the end of the next year. The 8th Bp. Wilton's, is just finished. Most of them containing on ^{an} average 1000 each. - My only son has lately taken his degree at Bedford, and will shortly enter into his Father's profession of which, I pray God, he may be more worthy than his Father. - You will be glad to hear that the rest are all

I believe, in the College, and gives a true history of your case, much
 to your honour, and to the disgrace of two or three miserable
 traitors that you have left in it behind you. The love & blessing
 of all my house attend you and your house, and
 I remain your ever affected & faithful Brother
 W. Loder & Mann

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Mr. Ward to
 B. J. Chase
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The Right Reverend
 Bishop Chase

New York

graced. Mary Gilead is still at Lord Ripon's - a wonderful
 attachment having taken place between my lady and her.
 The two young Irishmen that you were so good as to say you would
 patronize, have demurred about leaving their native soil, at
 least for a season. There is an Irishman at Cambridge,
 whose name I forget, who has been with you in Ohio, and concerned,