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## Letter to Philander Chase

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Gilead Aug 29 1835

My dear Husband

As you desired I have looked over all the old papers that have any reference to M.O. Church among the few that remain I find a copy of your letter to the Vestry on your departure and their answer - "extract

New Orleans March 30 1811

"The pecuniary claims which you have on the congregation composing the Church we are sorry to say, our Treasurers books show to be great.

We will however direct our Treasurer to make all collections from the subscriptions which he papible can - and he will pay over to you on the 15<sup>th</sup> of next month all monies which he may at that time have collected, even after your departure, we will not neglect you but all other sums that may be collected shall be duly sent to you, until we trust that your claim will be duly compensated - &c." signed

Robert Doss  
Sam<sup>l</sup> Leonard -

extract -

New Orleans Sep 16 1811

"We shall have no meeting of the Vestry until the return of Mr Hull - at present, nor during the summer past, could we have formed a quorum - most of the members being absent, your claim will be early laid before them & I have no doubt will be attended to."

signed R M Welton

New Orleans May 25, 1816

extract

"At a late meeting of the Vestry of which your husband is one the balance due you was mentioned among the other debts of long standing, four of the gentlemen were warmly opposed to the principle of discharging them inasmuch as the society that contracted them could scarcely be said to exist and that it would be unjust to take the funds of the present Church to discharge the debts of the former. In reply it was advised that the Church as a corporate body was the



some now as formerly and an obligation entered into with them would be equally binding on the present and become our duty to discharge when ever we had the power. After considerable conversation it was concluded to take no order on the subject and as no demands had been made, it would be time enough to legislate on it when there should be

Whenever that is the case I know they will be warmly opposed but I feel assured that they will be recognised and discharged as soon as it is in our power. I would advise you to send on your fee and let it come regularly before them. As a member of the Vestry it would perhaps be improper for me to appear so having advised it - be that however as it may I shall not shrink from the responsibility of having done so should it be necessary of this you will be able to judge. Signed. R. M. Welman.

New Orleans May 10 1823

My Dear Sir " Your two letters on the subject of your claim on the Prot Epis Ch. came duly to hand. The last a few days since I should have replied to. The first we now had it not have been that I wished to have an opportunity of laying it before the Vestry and of informing you of the result. This has not been done in consequence of there not having been any meetings for the last three or four months. If however I may be permitted to give my individual opinion as a member of the Vestry there cannot be anything gained by it at the present moment. The pecuniary concerns of the Church are as yet limited and ever since its formation our expenses have exceeded our receipts and we have consequently been accumulating a debt on our heads. We did flatter ourselves we should have realised something handsome from a renewed attempt to push through a class of the Lattices for which we have long had a grant in this however we more than failed instead of making anything we sustained a loss of about \$2000. From these circumstances you must be aware of the inability of the Corporation at this time to meet your claim, yet my Dear Sir I would not have you to conclude that they never will be able to do so, for notwithstanding the foregoing detail the fiscal concerns of the Church are perhaps just now in a better situation than they ever have been - we flatter ourselves the day is not far distant when we shall not only be clear of debt but be enabled to place our poster



is a situation more comfortable than here before  
of one thing permit me to assure you that I  
will avail myself of the first chance there may  
be of getting you off liquidated - and in the  
mean time your letters will be laid before the  
board at their first meeting the result of which  
you shall be informed of" -

Signed

R M Welmen

By a mutilated memorandum taken from the mouldy  
papers so carefully kept in Cincinnati I find  
"Statement of my Affairs, at my departure from  
Hartford" Date (probably then I think) March 1, 1817 -

one item is

"A just and acknowledged Debt due me  
from the Corporation of the Rector and Warden  
of Christ-Church New Orleans \$1588 -"

Monday Aug 31 1835

My Dear Husband

After being up and playing in the yard  
several days Philander was taken with the ague he  
had one Friday, and again yesterday. but slept well  
all night free of fever, and is quite cheerful  
this morning - After the operation of his medicine I  
shall give him quinine and pray it may be blessed  
to him - Mrs Remington tho' still confined to  
her bed is slowly getting better - Mr Glap's daughter  
and James are better most of them able to do a  
little but Mrs Glap is worn down and taken to  
the bed from fatigue - and the poor man's strength  
seems indeed laid low for Henry and Albert are  
both confined to the bed with intermitting fever



two of Mr. Kenlies children one better and his wife  
 at intervals can sit up at the' she still has fever  
 the brother and sister keep up and do all for them  
 but are not well - Mr. Kenlie himself was taken  
 four days since, quite a severe attack - if no better  
 this morning I shall urge his seeing the Doctor - both  
 this family and Mr. Glass' I think are suffering from  
 the effects of hardship and fatigue endured on their  
 journey - economy in travelling - lodging in the open  
 air &c I believe is the true cause of so much sickness  
 among the new settlers -

Gilbert August  
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Rev. Geo. Philander Chase  
 (P.M. Gil. D.)  
 New York

~~Stated Office~~  
~~Permanence~~  
 New York

M.O.  
 1857  
 New York Aug. 29

The rest of our dear family are quite well as  
 was Sam<sup>l</sup> & Sarah Aug 12<sup>th</sup> Dudley set off this morning for  
 Plain Road to bring home Cynthia - By the Doctor who  
 came to see Mrs K. I last Wednesday acknowledged your  
 kind favors to Aug 13<sup>th</sup> and forwarded Bp Leach's letter I hope  
 he did not forget to leave them at the post office  
 one day we trust we shall hear of your continued  
 health - That God may have you in his Holy keeping  
 and reconcile to you all his dispensations is the  
 prayer of your affectionate wife J M Chase

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