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Letter to Intrepid Morse

Philander Chase

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Very dear Nephew.—

With a grateful heart I arrived in this city yesterday about four o'clock, after a long passage of 37 days from Portsmouth England. My health during the voyage was but indifferent owing [illegible] much so however, as to remit public duties [illegible] Sabbath day except on Whitsunday. Offer [illegible] I hope soon to receive [illegible] words to my [illegible] on my arrival I found le[illegible] They are dear family in Gilead Michigan [illegible] looking for my return. Dear, [illegible] ly blessings tient beings! May the kind [illegible] be that rested to me on your behalf in [illegible] in his last land be a solace indeed to you. [illegible] in name but

I have "made out" better in [illegible] only in to England than under the circ[illegible] so live as [illegible] full of faith which attended me I had near[illegible] but My object is now to go to Illinois in to the [illegible] ray of Gilead as soon as possib[illegible] Affectionately

Chase

to set in order the things that are wanting.
The purchase of some Lands on which
to place the Chris: School will be the
first thing — the next to visit the vacant
and waste places — and the third "to
get my own living in that state of
life [illegible] which I am called." — and
wh[illegible] this: you'll say? — You know
a[illegible] state of utter want of all means
[illegible]me but that which I am "to
[illegible] the honour my Mother Earth"
[illegible] I have to go to work on a farm
[illegible] or starve. —
[illegible]e of these things move me
[illegible]e provide."
[illegible] forgive this hasty letter —
[illegible] truly in haste having every
[illegible] do in almost no time. —
[illegible]ge is not from on board and

many are expecting to see me before I go to Vermont & thence to the west. — the far West

If you ask what are the avails of my going to Eng.d I ans.r "I don't know" — In money I have rec.d now about 1800$ with many books &c. — Mrs Chase has also many presents of considerable amt. raised unknown to me & presented at parting. —

Now I want to say a few words to my dear Grand Daughter Mary. They are the words of prayer for heavenly blessings on her precious head. O may she be what her Father shewed himself to be in his last moments a true Christian, not in name but indeed and in truth. May she trust only in a Saviour's blood for salvation, and so live as he lived — and so die as he died full of faith and good works; not in youth as he did but in maturity of age as sheaf gathered in to the Heavenly Garner. Ever faithfully & affectionately yours

P. Chase

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