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Letter to Dudley Chase

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Provincetown 21. Feb. 1834
Pieria County Ill.

Dear Brother Dudley

I do most heartily
thank you for the kind offer you
have made my son Dudley to defray
his expenses at College: but you must
allow me the exercise of a deep sense of
duty in refusing it. - Dudley must never
be placed ^{with my consent} in that position of great tempta-
-tion which I have always feared would
be the ruin of his Brother. That of having
two purses to draw on and two persons
to whom he is liable for expenditures.
I frankly own my poverty: but poor
as I am, I can not think of subjecting my
son to the temptation of having it in his
power to call on you for money whenever
he pleases. Your generous and unselfish
nature being well known to him he will
need more than human strength to resist
the temptation to increase his wants in pro-
portion to your benevolence; and thus
the greatest blessings may be rendered

The source of much evil.

I have just now been writing to him and however painful I know it must be to his present grateful feelings towards you I have forbidden him the accepting of your kind offer, and this on pain of forfeiting a Father's blessing.

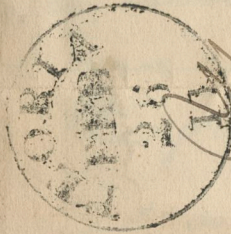
I am happy to add that the sickness which has once after another affected our whole family is now nearly removed from us. With the exception of the violent & tyrannical affection in my head which rages whenever under the influence of the slightest cold, we are all quite well and thankful for the great blessing.

Sarah and Sarah are with us and our children by their means laying the foundation of a useful education.

With the kindest regards to all acquaintances & love to all dear Relations your dear Wife in Particular I am
Your grateful affectionate son
Wm. P. Chase

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