

Philander Chase Letters

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## Letter to Dudley Chase

Dudley Chase II

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Eastford, October 26 1857.

My dear Uncle,

You recollect, that during our conversation on the evening before I left Randolph, you very kindly renewed your former offers of pecuniary assistance of which I did not avail myself, in consequence of my Father's wishes on the subject, which you know originated purely in parental anxiety, lest I should run into needless expense, without being responsible to him. According to your desire, I made known to him your willingness still to assist me, assuring him at the same time, that I would draw upon your benevolence only for necessary expenses, and for these I would be responsible to him.

In answer he wrote to me shortly before his departure on a Southern tour, in his diocese, expressing in the warmest terms his grateful sense of your kindness, towards me, and allowing me, under such restrictions as I had myself offered, to receive such sums, as you from time to time may feel disposed to afford me, for the purpose of getting an education.

I hope I am not disposed, my dear Uncle  
to be unreasonably burdensome to my friends,  
and I should not feel willing to receive  
pecuniary assistance even from you  
did I not believe, that in rendering it  
you would be influenced more by the  
regard, and affection which you have  
for my honored Father, than by any  
other motive, for on my own part ~~that~~  
I know full well that I have not the  
smallest claim upon your generosity.

But if you still feel as kindly disposed to  
assist me,  
as you have formerly expressed yourself,  
I shall be ready thankfully to receive,  
and acknowledge, whatever you may  
feel inclined, and able to give, towards  
defraying my necessary expenses while  
in College. These will not be great, as  
I expect to have the benefit of a  
Scholarship, which will pay all my  
College bills. My principal expense will  
be for board, and books. For the present  
I am pretty well supplied.

I am somewhat afraid however, notwith-  
standing the encouraging prospects I  
have, in some respects, of being able to  
complete my course, that I shall not  
be able to do, in consequence of ill health.

The dyspepsy has troubled me so, that I have  
done little or nothing lately, and if I do not  
get relief from it, I shall certainly leave.  
One of its effects is that of occasioning very low  
spirits, and to the unsober state of mind  
which this occasions, my friends must  
attribute my remissness, if they do not find  
no communication, as might be expected.

I have received your favour, inclosing  
two other letters, which gave me much  
pleasure. The sentence we are all well,  
conveys that which is gratifying  
from any thing else.

Give my love to Aunt Olive, and  
to the other Aunts, and uncles,  
if you should see them.

My fair cousins too are not forgotten,  
Nor Sister Eliza, and her dear girls.

With sincere respect & affection  
I remain, your absent Nephew,  
Hon: Dudley Chase & { Dudley Chase.

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Oct 26. 1837

*[Faint, mostly illegible handwritten text, likely bleed-through from the reverse side of the paper.]*