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Letter to Dudley Chase

Dudley Chase II

Hartford. October. 26 1837.

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 responsable 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 responsable 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 unnecessarily 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 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 so, 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 unsociable state of mind which this occasions, my friends must attribute my remiss, if they do not find me so communicative, 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 [illegible]h from any thing else.

[illegible] 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,
Dudley Chase.

Hon: Dudley Chase

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Randolph.
Vermont.

Chase Salmon P.
Oct. 26. 1837