

Philander Chase Letters

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## Letter to Intrepid Morse

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Very dear Nephew:

I can not promise I will come to the Convention in Phil: - for I know not where I can get the means. But I can tell you that God willing that our dear Dudley & darling daughter Mary will be with you in a few weeks - The former on his way to the Sem: in Alexandria there to study a year or two under the excellent D. Keith and the latter to spend a few months with those who are of all people in the world best qualified to set her an example of piety and Christian morals. -

I think of what I must suffer in parting with these dear objects of my fond affection almost over comes me they are both after my own heart cast in the mold of regenerated Spirits and imbued with every tender sentiment. Of Dudley you know some thing - therefore I shall say but little on his acct: - But of Mary, would that I could tell you how dear she is to me. - You will find her like her Mother of a good understanding & judgment and well grounded in the branches of a solid education & that most sincerely pious. No Novel reader nor lover of vain things

She will not talk with you much: but she will understand all that you say to her, and appreciate your excellent sermons and I trust, by the grace of God which she has <sup>in mind</sup> to call for by diligent prayer, will practice them. I know that you will not permit her to be "led into temptation" so far as you can be the means of preventing it. And this is the reason I send her to you: which I would not do to any other person I know. All I dread is the evils and dangers in traveling in the Steam Boats where there is always so much vice and sin. But Dudley, the best and most discreet of brethren will be with her. And more than all this the presence of Jehovah will go along with her to shield her from harm! Oh! if it were not for this my faith the parting with her would rend my heart in pieces.

This subject of sending away my beloved children in my old age must be a melancholy one, but as yet even acknowledging your good letter of the 13<sup>th</sup> of Feb: I thank you for your advice and sage opinions: God Grant that I may profit by them. I am pleased and grateful for what you say of Springfield and Cross Creek. - Most heartily do I sympathize with dear Mr. Wells in the ill health and <sup>the</sup> worldly embarrassments of his worthy son my ever esteemed Alexander. May all things work together for their final good. They "love God" therefore have a promise that it shall be so. - God's promise - and did he ever break his word. your letter says no: and I believe you will say so much to

The purpose on this head. All that makes me displeas'd with  
is that you seem to think I am trusting in God more  
than I do. I am, I tell you sincerely, most unworthy  
on this head. - I have learn'd and still learn on an even  
of flesh to my confusion and shame and stand in need of  
your prayer continually. Even Philander's examples &  
dying advice are too frequently forgotten by me my  
heart is torn with remembrance: An Almighty arm  
alone can save me, and to Him who saved Peter sinking  
I am constantly oblig'd to apply; and O that I might  
apply as he did in faith.

Don't rely too much on my going to the Law:  
My poor Divorc<sup>e</sup> requires all the  
time I can spare from the attention which I must give  
to my farm or store in the coming winter. Some-  
thing I have id. from Virginia legacy (did the year  
1765 ever think you shou'd in their death bed?)  
sufficient to pay a man to dig coal for me while  
the boys for the first winter of their life had some  
time for their schooling. ~~transmit~~: but this all  
gone & as much more: ~~and~~ she will die next

think of me in dying I know not: perhaps more  
-: I can say no more at present both for want  
of room & inclination to continue this theme therefore  
close with begging to be most kindly remembered to Mrs  
Mrs Wells to dear Rebecca & my dear grand daughter  
to Alexander and all who think of  
your loving uncle  
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