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Letter to Mary Olivia Chase

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Charleston. April 29th 1840.

My very dear Grand Daughter:

K.Ch. 400429

It gives me great satisfaction to inform you of the liberality of the Vestry of St. Michael's Church in requesting the privilege of paying the expense for which I was liable in causing to be erected your dear Father's monument.

Besides the stones at the head and foot of the grave there is an entablature put up in masonry on the outside of the Church wall. The Slab is American Marble about 2 feet 6 inches square surmounted with a crowning arch carved out in an ornamental manner. The words are the same as I think I sent you some time since, and very neatly engraved.

Some persons from another congregation offered to pay for this monument; but the vestry replied that "none should share in the honor save the Members of St. Michael's."

It is wonderful to reflect on the great mercies which God in every way seems to be conferring on your aged grandfather. Little was I able to bear this great expense, and I must confess my own misgivings some times troubled me, for fear I was taking from my means to procure necessaries for the living to gratify my recollections for the dead. But God hath proved me wicked; and I am blest.

I know not when I shall quit Charleston. The Church perhaps will not let me go till they have all hope of getting 2 other Bishops, together for the consecration of Dr. Adams. This may take place about 20th of May. The mean time I shall go out into the neighbouring places and perhaps up into N. Carolina.

The Subscriptions for Jubilee amounts now to
nearly \$7,000 (paid and promised) Of this sum about
\$700 was lately a gift from my English Friends

It rains very hard, and as I slept but little last
night I feel too drowsy to ~~write~~ ^{write} any more except
a desire to be remembered to you dear Parents and Grand
Father and aunts and all the dear old family and those
who may ask after the health & welfare of

Your affectionate G. T. Father

Philander Chase

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