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Letter to Philander Chase

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Randolph Dec-15th - 1840

My Dearest Brother

Since we parted at Rayalton on 24th August last, I have remain'd very constantly at home in Randolph, incapable of much, either in that way or deed. Your letters of Sep: 27th & 26th, & Oct: 19th & 29th dated from Boston, Troy, Detroit, & Robin's Nest. have all been duly rec'd and afforded us all that happiness, which news of the health & prosperity of so dear friends could alone give. Brother Simon & his wife, Mr. & Mrs Cotton, are just passing off the stage, and our other Brother Friends are keeping pace, and looking on, as may easily be be imagin'd, Bro Smith, about the time you left us, had the misfortune to split open his knee, pan & joint, and has been very lame with the dreadful wound ever since. He is now, slowly, recovering, and is some in hopes of regaining a partial use of his wounded leg.

I find by referring to papers in my possession, that in August last I gave you, ^a deed of 400 acres of land in Michigan & that you paid me \$24.75, being one half of the Taxes, imposed by the State in the year 1838, including costs & charges.

~~I find~~ on 800 acres of Land, of which 400 acres was a part. I find the receipt of State Treasurer dated 25th June 1840 for 40.33 for taxes charges & Interest for the year 1838 on 400 acres of land, and which is that part of 800 acres not conveyed to you. I also find by my papers that I relied on the Appearance of John Marshall of Rayalton, ^{who took out the original deed} that he had paid the

Taxes on the 400 acres which I deeded to you, with the cost, charges
& Interest thereon, amounting to \$4,18, I had caused the same to be
entered on the Auditor Books, in Detroit. I never led to put
trust in Marshall's statement of his paying $\text{\$}$ -taxes, from the
 $\text{\$}$ -Treasurer's receipt afor^d which described the 400 acres
on which $\text{\$}$ 40.33 was paid in taxes charges & interest, as land
on which taxes were then due; and said nothing about
the 400 acres which I afterwards deeded to you. Now, Dear
Brother as you have been to Detroit, and have probably
attended to the payment of the Taxes due the State of
Michigan in the year 1839, on your $\text{\$}$ -400 acres,
you paid attention to the taxes imposed in 1838
and ascertained if they were all paid as I had
opined your mind as Marshall had assured me
as I have stated above. I will thank you very
much, dear Brother, if you will inform me
how you found this business, at Detroit; as, should my
present view of the business, be correct, I must be finding
some way to covering the taxes due in 1839 on my
400 acres to Treas^r of Michigan. And should the taxes due on
the 400 acres I deeded to you, not have been paid by Marshall
I may be taking easy means to satisfy you as the
Treasurer of Michigan as the case may require.?

1st draft of Letter to
Bishop Whero
Dated 16th 1840



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