

Philander Chase Letters

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## Letter to Philander Chase

Mrs. Ramsey

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Mrs Kemmerly  
Nov 25 8  
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Right Revd & very dear Bishop  
our dear & honoured friend

It gives me true & deep pleasure

to have such an occasion for addressing you as has  
been afforded me by our dear Christian friend  
Miss Bates of Little Missenden, at whose house  
you will I dare say remember accompanying  
me to drink tea one evening when you were at  
Wmenham in 1836. — Her mind was <sup>then</sup> only begin-  
ning to be awakened to "the light of life," & the  
faint dawn of "the day star" beginning to arise in  
her heart; and I have always believed that  
your visit & conversation that evening were specially  
blest to carry forward the great work already  
begun, & which has now attained to a beautiful  
excellency of Christian spirit & character not  
very frequently, I fear, met with. From this dear  
friend I recd about ten days ago, Bath notes to

The amount of 250 £, with a request that I would divide it between "The Steuart Missions in Canada, & Bishop Chase". This sum had been unexpectedly restored to her from arrears of dividends in the public funds, & she immediately & gladly devoted it thus "to the promotion, in some small measure, of the happy dominion of our Lord & Saviour". I immediately went to the Bank here to enquire into the best means of transmitting the 125 £ to you direct - & was assured by the Bankers (who are connections of my own in this my native place) that the safest & best method was by such a Bill as the one I now enclose for that sum. They are in the habit, they told me at the Bank, of sending money to America frequently, & always do it in this manner - two or three people from this place & neighbourhood having emigrated thither, remittances of money are often made to them through the Bank & Mr. Simpson told me that upon such a Bill as this some premium was generally obtained, "so valuable is English money". One of the emigrants from hence of the name of John Croen is located six miles west from Jacksonville, Morgan County, Illinois. I mention this because I know, honoured friend! that

your kind paternal heart that yearns over every soul in  
your vast Diocese, would have a particular satisfaction in  
speaking a few words, if he should come in your way,  
to this poor Germanman from my native town. And  
now I must fulfil a painful duty which this subject re-  
-minds me of, & which my dear Husband has been very  
-anxious should not be delayed. You will I dare say re-  
-member his youngest Brother Mr John Ramsey of High  
Wycombe (a Solicitor) at whose house you met Mr. Wilkin  
then we were on our way to Mr. Norris of Greatenden House,  
& will recollect perhaps also his sweet young wife. This poor  
-Brother became a bankrupt last spring (being Dr. Ramsey's  
-long & most dangerous illness) & was found to have committed  
the worst acts of dishonesty, so that he & his wife were  
-prosecuted but for the forbearance of many injured parties  
in consideration of the awful & affecting circumstances in  
which he & four infant children were immediately placed by  
the almost sudden death of this poor wife & mother, who  
-died under the blow inflicted by the discovery of her  
-husband's delinquency, & died five weeks after the birth of  
the last child, & six after the discovery of that delinquency came  
-unexpectedly upon her. She was an advanced Christian  
& her death ~~was~~ most remarkably evidenced a state of  
-mind & character that her retiring looks & meekness of  
-spirit had much concealed. Her wretched husband  
-remains unchanged in character & is unpunished to  
the deepest degree; while he has the power also of assuming  
any character he pleases, & of adapting his language so  
-aptly to any that he chooses to assume, that he can  
-easily impose himself upon a stranger as a penitent,  
-or an honest man. He is now meditating some scheme  
-of emigration, & Dr. Ramsey much fears his reaching Illinois  
& "Robin's nest," & is very anxious that you should be warned  
in time, most dear & revered friend! that if this should

to know if you have me. The "Record" has a printed list of names from donors  
I must not forget to mention too that Mr. Remondy would like  
on this subject also, Mr. P. Remondy also is getting several  
and, any reply. I have ordered him to stop all reports for information  
to him or not receiving the copies on that subject, & neither of them  
to be ready for delivery the 1st of July last - both are  
quoting the "Remondy", which Mr. Remondy had given in his  
copy. Mr. P. also asks if I can give him any information re  
draft; I have begged him to explain of Mr. Remondy had given in his  
& am sorry I did not know in time to include it in the book.

And now, most dear & honorable friend!  
A few remarks more & I will no longer  
intrude upon your precious time. When I  
of Dr. Calver in the Lord's 2<sup>d</sup> construction  
I almost feel a sort of envy of you for being  
as I now do - we are still detained from  
home from the state of my dear husband's  
health, which since his long & dangerous illness  
contains quite enough to prevent you being  
with my great Mother - with the Lord's  
things of the world - & the people of the world,  
my heart wishes & yearns to take sweet  
counsel & join the labors of these. We are  
"looking at the things that are not seen,"  
& in their way & explanation speaking the  
knowledge of Him who died for our  
sins, & extending the light of His blessed  
 gospel in a world that has lost & dwells  
in darkness & sin. The awful spread  
of slavery & of its most subtle & cruel  
inroads, this new form of Paganism, this  
our sin within our Church & its subverting  
in its deceitful ways such multitudes of  
wretched profane, it is painful to contemplate.  
But we know that all is working the way  
of good. I must conclude - be long to hear  
of you in labors pursued & hear of your health  
I trust of dear Mrs. Chan & of your family, is I am  
to you - and with kindest & affectionate regards  
cannot remain for long staying in your city  
from Dr. P. & from yourself, I subscribe myself  
your affectionate & true friend - faithfully yours  
Wm. Remondy

you must not trust him in the smallest  
item, & not in one word that he says. This is painful to say  
but in a matter that might prove of so much to you & your  
momentous objects, most revered friend, we have felt it an im-  
perative duty to make the communication. Tuesday 30th I have  
not been able to complete my letter since the last date, from  
unwarranted claims upon my pen & time; I hope now to finish &  
despatch it. Since it was begun I have heard from Miss Remondy  
that she has £10 to be added to any contributions going to Bishop Chan.

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