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Letter to Philander Chase

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London December 1st 1841

My Dear friend I have great pleasure in advising you that Mrs Charlotte Maryat has paid me £70 and taken up your draft on her, which I paid for you long since, ~~with your means~~. I applied to Mr G. Marriott, supposing that you intended it and that you knew nothing of the other Lady. The former was unable to pay it but the latter is rich and able to do it without inconvenience. I have deputed my agent William Torrey of New York to authorize you to draw on him for the equivalent and I now authorize you to do so if not done before you receive this.

All my family continues as well as usual, except Mrs Mary Anne who has been confined to her bed for 12 months, and I fear without amendment. Her sufferings are great, but her religious principles have enabled her to bear them with extraordinary patience and resignation. I am sorry to say that Mr G. Marriott has just experienced another severe affliction. One of her sons went into the Naval Service, a remarkably fine lad, and a universal favorite, ^{who} was taken ill and obliged

to come home since his return his complaint
has affected his brain, and caused distressing
apprehensions. I do not hear that it has produced
insanity and hope he will recover on his mother's
as well as on his own account. I trust you hear
of the great exertions made here to introduce
and perpetuate the Protestant Episcopal religion
to the New Colonies, and of the appointment of
Bishops to reside in them. The Bishops and other
warm friends of the Church, are not afraid, it
appears, to place one at Jerusalem and thus
take Mahomet and the Pope by the horns.
I doubt not much good will result from
these exertions. Perhaps there never was a time
when more vigilance and sound measures were
 requisite to prevent the propagation of visionary
schemes ^{and of their} ~~from~~ ^{misleading} well disposed persons,
than the present. We have Progressives at one extreme
point and Socialists at the other there is not however
much danger to be apprehended from the latter
because their principles in practice work out speedy
destruction of morals and domestic happiness.
Higher qualifications for the Ministry are now
required than at any former period which I doubt
not will add much to the respectability and

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experience of our Clergy. Our son William has now
decided to take orders. He took his Bachelors degree
at Oxford yesterday and we have reason to believe
that he is an eminent classical scholar. He is
engaged to be married, some time hence, to
a daughter of the Hon^{ble} & very Rev^d Dean of Gloucester,
and niece of Lord Dinevor. The connexion is highly
respectable and the young lady unquestionable,
being of good personal appearance and right
religious principles and feelings. He cannot
take orders till he is 23, near two years hence,
but the Dean will then give him a
curacy which will be a favorable introduction
to the Ministry. Frederick is at Cambridge where
he must remain two years longer in order to get
his degree. He has entered for the law, for which
profession he appears to be naturally qualified.
I have Augustus to provide for and if I thought
he would make a good Missionary I should be
disposed to send him to Jubilee College. He is
going on well with Latin Greek &c at a good school.
Our worthy friend T. Hartwell Stone told me a few
days since that he had received some numbers of your
remembrances, but I have not received any, and those who
look to me for a supply are somewhat disappointed. By the
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