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Letter to Philander Chase

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Sept 21st Sep^r 1844

Rev^d & Dear Father in Gods

When I received your aff^{le} favor in Oct
I was about preparing to come to this place, and concluded
put off my grateful reply, till I could be with you
of St. Matthews whom you thought so highly of, and regarded with
so much affection. I soon found sickness at Col Richardson's
in Dr Cheves, then my Aunt was sick, and one of his nieces
very ill, all of this took up much time, and I continued
to procrastinate tho' my heart was with you in all
thankfulness for the time, & trouble you had bestowed
on me, which I did not expect, and therefore, if possible
felt the more grateful to you, for your satisfactory letter
I little knew then that ere I did write, I should have
to give you the most melancholy, heartrending tidings
I could well convey to you, even the death of your
sincere friend Col. Richardson, Oh! its sudden, unexpected
blow is hard to bear, my Aunt seems quite resigned
and grieves only ^{as} a christian, not without hope, and
not have him back, still it is, a long will be a
grievous stroke. I was particularly attached to him
and he to me, in the most affectionate manner, he
a friend in every possible way, then judge of my love
feelings consequentally when my blinded eyes were open
by the reality, that he was really gone forever from earth

Col R. was taken sick on Tuesday, 25th ultimo, yet he went to his plantation had a very hot fever that night, came up the next day, when he looked extremely bad but went about, was very sick next day, I saw him Friday afternoon when he appeared better, he had chill & fever every other day, on Sunday he was on the bed but very weak, he only spoke in address, and I thot he seemed better, helped to dress his stuplasmus on his arms; I observed he looked at me for some moments in a most affectionate but melancholy manner, yet I left him to converse with Rev. W. Johnson hoping to find him better in the afternoon, but I never went in to see him again, Monday while I was there he was drowsy, my Aunt was not aware of his danger, till I left her when a sudden & great change took place, and that night we went over (my Sister's family) and I saw him from the hall while the Physicians & friends were trying every remedy, till his spirit was gently taken up, we trust to Him who gave it. W. Johnson was gratified with the conversation he had, and only wishes he had proposed administering the com^m for he thinks he would have partaken of it, and I know that my dear friend was preparing for receiving it with right feelings, he had most correct views of its being taken unworthily, & the awful condemnation incurred thereby, this my knowledge of his improving in spiritual feelings, tho' gradual & silent to most others, together with all his charitable, benevolent actions, always done in humility of heart & mind, had me to hope that his spirit is with Christ; for he trusted in a just & merciful

God, who said, "he that believeth shall be saved." This he told
a short time ago, do you not think we have great hope
he is saved? he died on 31st at night, next day, he was born
his servants, my eldest Nephew with me followed next, with
other nephews & Dr Cheves to the church, where the inhabitants
assembled, Rev M D. read the service very solemnly & after
he was taken to his lowest place sturied with his re
his house now is desolate, all the family were taken
Columbia for fear of more fever, when I go there to do
to some business for my Aunt, my heart is bent with grief
but don't think that one murmur, or repining thought enters

my mind, I am perfectly resigned,
and submissive to His will, and no
other do I wish, while I remain in this
world, I wait for His will, trusting I may
be fit to appear in His presence forever,

but only thro Christ's merits & for His sake only.
Many, many depended on our inestimable friend for help
and support. now they will be provided with another.
I don't know yet if he left a will, after a frost Aunt
will go home, & then look for one.

I am going to Charleston with my Nephew to fit his
his last term at the The^l seminary N.Y. I shall be
and take it as a particular favor, if you will write
me, when you can bestow any time, on such as I am
I hear of you often with gratitude to Him, who protects
and blesses you in all things, and may He continue to do
is the fervent prayer of yr humble, aff^{te} friend who is respect
in Christ. A. E. Wa

with one so dear to us all, who were so privileged in your society for such a little time, it would be great joy if you could visit here again. If you can favor me my Dear Sir, so say what your route will be, and when you expect to reach your home. I hope Mr Chase, & all there are well, and going on successfully. Our Bishop is quite well, & seems very active in his duties. This will no doubt be a repetition of what Dr Waring wrote you, but excuse and receive it as intended, knowing your good opinion, & high esteem of my beloved & lamented friend, too dear, ever to be forgotten. Accept my affectionate good wishes, & ours for your continued good health & happiness, & eternal happiness hereafter.

yrs respectfully,
A. E. Warley.

Direct to Miss A. E. Warley.

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Before I left I saw that you had promptly written to afflicted Aunt, no doubt a letter full of comfort and kind fire she was in Columbia so I could not enjoy its contents of christia. I must request Dr Waring to direct this to you, I trust it will find you in health, and prospering in your good cause. I wish nephew ^{James W. Alliges} may be so fortunate as to meet with you, & become acq.