

Philander Chase Letters

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## Letter to Philander Chase

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Locust Hill Perry Co Ill April 24<sup>th</sup> 43  
W Rev Philander Chase

Dear Sir

Your favor of 17<sup>th</sup> Inst was received on the 22<sup>nd</sup> I immediately repaired to Mr Luthills and we have taken the responsibility of doing that which we thought should be done. Buckneyville is a very small place and the country immediately around is very thinly settled. There is not a friend of the church near there. There is one Tavern in the place and but one. If Mr Luthill & his friends & I with mine, were to meet you there we could not get entertainment in town It would be near night when the services closed and the roads are not safe for us to travel in the night. Thus our families would be debarred from attending the services and there would not probably be 10 persons in attendance I believe that Mr Southgate did the best <sup>that</sup> could be done when he was there, but as none among his hearers knew any thing of the Liturgy, the little effect produced by him there was unfavorable. Not so at my house and Mr Luthills. I have more persons in my family at this time



than attended his services or would attend yours at  
Pinckneyville Mr Luthill has a numerous connection  
around him. They are not churchmen, but they are intel-  
ligent people, and there and at my house Mr Southgate  
produced an impression favorable to the church. You can  
reach Mr Luthills from Mt Vernon as easily as you can reach  
Pinckneyville. From Mt Vernon to Pinckney there is no  
direct road which you could travel with a carriage -  
From Mr Luthills you can reach Chester as easily as  
from Pinckney - Now Sir we hope it will not be unpleas-  
-ant to you to learn that we have changed your appoint-  
-ment from Pinckneyville to Mr Luthills neighborhood -  
I have sent out by express - posted up notices and used  
every means in my power to give information of your  
expected visit at Mr Luthills and that you would not  
be at Pinckneyville and that accommodations will be  
prepared at & near Mr Luthills for all who choose to spend  
the night with us. When we sent to Pinckneyville  
they had not heard of your coming - I have also caused  
information of the change to be sent to Chester & Haskettia  
with an expression of my belief that you will not  
reach Chester until the morning of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday  
after Easter - Mr Luthill intends (Providence permitting)  
to meet you at Mt Vernon on <sup>the</sup> Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> May and  
conduct <sup>you</sup> to the place of worship near his house on  
Friday - Services to be at 4 P.M. There are six candi-  
datis for Confirmation and it is quite possible that



the number will be increased 1 or 2 Mr Guthill  
will endeavor to accompany you to Chester  
we are praying to the Great Ruler of the Church  
to that you may be prospered in your journey & that  
your coming among us may promote the Glory  
of God and the Good of the Church.

Very Respectfully yours  
B. H. Root.

Near Mt Hawkins I O



~~Wm. H. Woodbury~~ Free  
april 25 1843  
forward per a/crd 11/3  
Mar 20.

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