

Philander Chase Letters

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## Letter to the Bishops

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Jubilee College Illinois  
31. of July 1843.

Rt Rev. & dear Brother in the Lord.

Are you satisfied with the ordination of Arthur Carey to the Diaconate of the Ch. as reported to us by the Churchman and the statement of facts drawn up by Drs. Smith & Anthony of New York?

Pray let me know your opinion of that Episcopal act of the Rt Rev. the Bishop of N York. connected with Mr Careys previous examination.

My private opinion is that if something decisive be not done and that speedily by the Bishops to put down the rising spirit of "the man of sin among us" we perhaps shall never meet again at hitherto "taking sweet counsel together and walking to the House of God in company"

I would respectfully suggest to you that I am as far from Geneva and Puritan plebeian ordination as I am from Rome in my sentiments. I stand on <sup>the</sup> ground of the Church of England after she was cleansed of the leprosy of Papal Rome. This letter is at present in confidence. I shall soon write you one on the subject of the application of the Christians in Texas for a Bishop. that they may form a National Church. Ought I not to state that the Bishops elected by themselves (for it seems they have

already formed a Convention prepared to be summoned together for that purpose) must previously to his consecration sign a "Concordat" whereby having been empowered by the Clergy and Laity of Texas for that purpose he binds himself and his Successors and the Church in the Nation of Texas forever to repudiate and disavow and to shun the errors of Arius Socinus, Pelagius & Papal Rome as well, more modern heresies and Schisms by name and adhere only to the scriptures of the old New Testament as understood by the Church previously to the usurpations of the Bishop of Rome and as they are set forth by the Church of England?

Pray let me hear from you soon and oblige your  
faithful friend & Brother.

Copy of  
My Letter to the  
Bishops  
on the subject of  
Canon Ordina  
tion.