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Letter to Philander Chase

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Millwood August 14th 1843.

Right Rev^d & Dear Sir,

Yours of the 24th ultimo was received two days since. In reply to the question about the ordination of Mr. Cary & what is to be done to avert his joining with, I answer that I regard the act as most censurable, & contrary to the great principles of our Protestant Church, & as calculated to avert our recovery our progress in the esteem & confidence of the world at large. As to what is to be done

it is not so easy to make answer, or even to determine in one's own mind.

Unless the New York Convention shall do something next month, I do not think it probable that any thing like united or legislative expression or action can take place before the next General Convention, except so far as the Trustees of the General Convention shall protect against it by word or deed. The Bishops disapproving might

write in a protest perhaps at once, but at any rate I hope they will universally address their next convention asserting our Church to be still Protestant & condemning this Anti-Protestant movement.

I have been fully convinced that things ^{have been} ~~was~~ for some
years tending to some such result, tho' I did not suppose
we were so near it. Such extravagant opinions
about the Church, such mystified notions about the
sacraments could not but lead them boldly then
to the crown which has so mortified us.

We must suffer whatever God shall please to lay
upon us. We have been boasting too much
of our unity & orthodoxy, & upbraiding all other
denominations with their divisions & heresies,
& now they are healing & peace-making & we are
like the Jews fighting the Romans all around
the walls by day, & by night murdering each other
within the city. — Our trust must be in the
Lord.

In relation to Texas, I received a letter
from our Missionary Mr. Lyell a few days since
saying that they had relinquished the plan of
organization, so that you will have no trouble
on that score. Indeed if I mistake not we
are not allowed to ordain a Bishop for foreign
parts until a proposed canon or articles
in our Constitution shall be ratified by the next
General Conference.

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[Handwritten signature]

The Right Rev. Dr.

Philander Chase D.D.

Robins Nest
Jubilee College
Illinois.

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