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## Letter to Philander Chase

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## Phila Aug: 15th 1843

Right Rev: & Dear Sir.

I reed your letter of the 31th ult: a few days ago, - I have deferred replying, to have more time for reflection. Of the case of mr. barrey, I have not yet formed such an opinion as I should be willing to express officially. It is the misfortune or the fault of that gentleman, I of Dr Seabury too, to be fond of saying the extreme of what can be said in forour of the general soundness of Rome, the' they heartily reject her corruptions, - a practice with I regard as very poolish at the best. It is true that the most, the only effective opponents of Rome, are those who have so investigated her case as to see I allow what she retains of good, I are this able to expose definitely her errors, without mixing up with them her letter features, - the common indiscriminate opprobrium cast upon her being a feeble warfare;but Dr S. & mr 6. go parther, & seem at least to give her too much credit, instead of saying the deserves no approbation for any thing while she retains her aboundations. In the course now censured, there may be danger to a few excitable individuals, bra I see more to the bhh, her character & principles are too conservative for that. Yet it is extremely annoy. - ing to have such consessions blazoned before the public, - who will dwell more on them, thou on any counteracting remarks. On the subject of a Bh for Texas, &, let

me add, of one for the Indians, I am disposed to be governed in my vote by the character of the individual als selected. If they are thoroly of the right sort, in

piety, attainments, & adaptedness to the respective stations, I should say, let them be consecrated. If not notheretical arguments will convince me that this ought to be done. What I mean is that the men be chosen, or virtually so I in good faith, before the measure is even discufsed in the Gen: Convention - As to any special agreements of the bhi in Jaxas to avoid all heretical pravities & other abuses, I see not how we can bind it further than its boustie tution may provide. In our own case, we can if we should be wicked arrough, cast off literay, orthodoxy, & spiseopacy, by the act of two yen: Conventions; I will Jezzas submit to closer re - strainte, implying, as it would a suspicion of that bhis constancy in the truth? The vow of conformity in the Consecration Office, must of course, in the case of a Bh for Texas, ancount fully in substant to what it now is. to what it now is. I pear the above that's are not as mature as they ought to be, - but it seemed to me most respectful not to delay any longer my answer

to your letter.

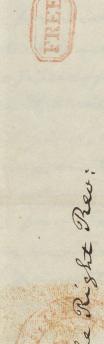
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