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Letter to Philander Chase

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Rt. Rev^d and dear brother.

I found it difficult to
 compose all I had to say in reference to the or-
 -dination of Mr. Carey in a letter, & therefore could
 not give you any opinion in reference to them -

I rejoice that they are likely to have a Bishop
 of their own - It will relieve us, & I trust enable
 them to lay the foundation of their Church broad
 and deep at an early period in their history -
 I pray that the great Head of the Church may
 direct them aright, and give them a man full
 of faith and the Holy Spirit - I do not believe
 we have any right to demand of them or
 they have submission to the articles & constitution.

of the Church - If we are to specify errors which
they are to avoid where are we to stop - We
must trust to the protecting and guiding influences
of the Spirit of God, for if we demand a promise
to guard against the errors of Arius & Pelagius &c
&c - why not ask the same against the heresy
of John Calvin & John Smith -

It amuses me very much to find that Disputants
are so anxious about our Church - They appear to
be deeply distressed in reference to the errors which
are likely to creep in & the divisions which may
thus arise - May God deliver us from such annoyances
& perplexities - If we are only quiet & calm, God
will preserve us from the best - In quietness
and confidence is our strength - I am much
amused in reading your letter about Chicago - I do
approve you, all I said in the direction of my own

man - I am not quite so soft as to be the
medium of such communications. If it had originated
with thee, I need have been silent. It proceeded
simply from feelings of affection towards my brother -
But he knows best. & I rejoice that God gives
him the ability with physical & mental to
perform every duty -

Thine affection.

From brother

P. A. A. Coker

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