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Letter to Philander Chase

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Bristol R. I. Aug^t 19th 1843

Right Reverend & Dear Sir

Your very acceptable letter of the 4th was duly received. I sincerely thank you for the prayers offered on my behalf before my consecration, & hope they will continue to be offered, that God's grace may guide & strengthen me in the faithful discharge of the duties of that higher stewardship in the Lord's household to which you entrusted to my hands. You will have learned before this, that Bp Brownell for my accommodation, that of the Bishop, & of the Diocese, postponed the consecration to Friday the 11th when it took place in Providence, & every part of the sacred services was performed with the utmost solemnity & decorum.

We believe that God's presence & blessing were enjoyed at the commencement, & our hope & prayer is that they may be vouchsafed to the end of my Episcopate.

The fearful agitation consequent upon the ill-starred ordination in New York, continues with very little abatement - & so far as I have been able to learn, this act of the Bp of that Diocese is condemned by the great body of the Church. We have indeed fallen upon evil times if men are to be admitted to the ministry of the Church, who are undecided which is right, the or Rome - & who can with almost equal readiness confess their fault in the language of the Tridentine Decrees - or that of the 39 Articles & the Apostles Creed.

I am anxious to see your letter to the Bishop upon this distressing affair, & hope that you or more of them will hesitate to continue their firm & decided protest against the ruinous heresies of the Man of Sin.

I hailed with joy your brief letter to the Bp of Anath, & trust that what you may now write will breathe the same bold & truly Catholic spirit.

It is a cause of thankfulness to me that none of the Papal leaven has been infused into this little Diocese, & I hope, by God's grace, we shall, as with the heart of one man, sustain the Church as she is, without

deterioration or change.

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Bp Chase. }

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