

Philander Chase Letters

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## Letter to Philander Chase

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East Cowton  
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Right Reverend and Dear Sir

It is too commonly the case with mankind  
to neglect the privileges, which they enjoy, till they are reminded  
of their value by the loss of them - A feeling of this kind  
has, I fear, had too much influence over myself, otherwise  
I should, with greater frequency, avail myself of the opportunity  
which you so kindly hold out to me, and even press upon me, of  
keeping up a correspondence with a Bishop in a far distant diocese,  
whose praise is in all the churches. Though I will not plead guilty  
to the charge of despising your valuable correspondence, I am afraid  
I can account for my silence upon no other ground, than that of  
my numerous engagements, an excuse, which can hardly be allowed  
by one, who, amidst engagements infinitely more varied & numerous  
can make time to write long & powerful appeals in behalf of  
the destitute and afflicted. In writing to you upon the present occasion  
I wish I could give you as cheering accounts of my success in raising  
with funds for the support of our young protegee at Subilee,  
as has been the case heretofore. I am sorry to say that all  
that I can calculate upon at present is about £16 - No

in the present state of our suffering country, where objects  
of more immediate and pressing interest claim all that  
can be spared from the most liberal charity, have I any  
prospect of success for appeals in behalf of one, whose claims  
are weaker whose wants are less urgent. There are however still  
a few kind friends who, I trust, will continue their subscriptions  
for some time longer, and occasional assistance may be obtained  
from individuals to whom I have not yet made an appeal.

I regret however to be obliged to express my fears that I  
cannot raise funds, which will any longer defray the whole  
cost of our young charge at Subitee - If you will continue to  
send me the acct<sup>s</sup>, I will do what I can to meet them, and I  
will hope, that friends in America will supply the rest. By this  
time you will be enabled to form an idea as to the probable  
success of your benevolent exertions in favour of James George  
and it will give me great pleasure to communicate to those  
who have taken an interest in him, the gratifying intelligence  
that their benevolence has been well bestowed. Our good  
bishop especially would rejoice to hear that our young friend  
was likely to become a faithful soldier & servant of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Of Mrs George I have heard nothing for a long time - I purport  
writing to her by the first mail.

Since my last letter to you, what a delightful change has taken place  
with respect to the position of our respective beloved countries towards  
each other. Long may that friendship continue, which must tend  
so much to the advantage of both - Ourselves would have been our  
situation at the present moment, if, in addition to the judgements,  
which are now impending over us, we had been waging a ruinous  
war with that country, from the superabundant provisions of  
which the starving population in one part of our empire are  
chiefly supported. It is the Lord & his loving kindness is  
marvellous in our eyes. O that the Lord in judgment would  
remember mercy & overrule the present sufferings of his people  
to his own glory and to their spiritual good. The banner of  
Tractarianism, which appeared to be pervading our beloved church,  
has, I hope, received a check - and though there are still many  
whose opinions lean, if not to Rome, to exclusive High Churchmanship,  
I trust that the truth as it is in Jesus is preached in many a  
congregation, & that our Church is striking its roots deeper and  
more extensively in the affections of the people - When you  
write to me, which I hope you will yet do, will you favour me with  
your opinion as to the Union, which is now being attempted amongst  
Christians of various denominations, under the name of the Evangelical Alliance.  
Though I have not joined the body, its professed object being hearty good will.  
With my sincere prayer that you may long be spared to read the <sup>word</sup> <sup>of</sup> <sup>God</sup> <sup>over</sup> <sup>whom</sup> <sup>you</sup> <sup>are</sup> <sup>appointed</sup> <sup>to</sup> <sup>be</sup> <sup>pastor</sup>  
Jan 1846. Rev. & dear Sir, I am faithfully  
Yours J. Holton

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