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Letter to Bishop Potter

Philander Chase

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To the Right Rev^d
Bishop Potter.

(Copy.)

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Jubilee College Sept 11th 1849.

Dear Brother

I recd your favor of the 30th of Aug^r and can assure you that according to the evidence before me sent by one of your own Presbyters in good standing I opposed and now so far as I am concerned must oppose the consecration of the Rev Dr Upfold from conscientious principles. The fear of God as well as "the love of his Church" constrained me. What the world will say of my motives in such a case as this I ought not to regard, and therefore must think your caution touching this point gratuitous.

If I have been led astray by false testimony: if the Rev Mr Stewart be a slanderer of the Rev Dr Upfold and if the persons whose names he gives as fellow witnesses of what Dr Upfold uttered contradict the purport of his, the Rev Mr Stewarts letter the case will be altered. As

As it is, you say you "are in possession of the precise slanders of which Dr U. is supposed to have been the Author." Pray have the goodness to compare the same with the first letter of the Rev Mr Stewart which I had the honour of inclosing for your inspection, and if there be any material discrepancy write to him for an explanation and also to the persons to whom he appeals for the truth of his words,

My impressions are that Dr Upfold is a slanderer
of his Brethren and a Contemner of the Court of Bishops
faults now too common among us and which if per-
mitted to be perpetuated will prove the ruin of the
Episcopal Church in these United States.

As to personal Considerations, so far as they can be
separated from the fear of God and the welfare
and honour of his Kingdom, I disclaim them,
and in deep humility of soul pray they may
never influence my conduct in an affair of
this important nature. If Dr Upfold has injured
me I freely forgive him, knowing my own need of
forgiveness at God's hands every day of my life.

Having said thus much and craving par-
don for any thing if said amiss I am

Respectfully Dear Sir

Your faithful

Friend and Brother

Wm. Ware

Rev. John Henry Hopkins D.D.

Jubilee College
Sep 11 1849

Dear Brother

By yesterday

mail I received the "evidence
of the consent" of a majority
of the Standing Committee
to the consecration of the
Rev George Upfold D.D. according to Canon V.

This now being duly
asked for your consent to
the same.

With great respect
I am your faithful friend
and Brother in the Lord.

Wm. Chase
Presg. Bishop

M^r. R. J. Chase

Sept. 11. 1879