

Philander Chase Letters

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## Letter to Sophia Chase

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Brooklyn 30 July 1840

My dear Wife:

I have just returned to my lodgings at  
Dr. Cutler's. - I went yesterday to Mr. De Kay's - agreed  
to dine with him on this day at 3. - to see a business whole  
advice will be of use in selecting building materials -  
called on Dr. Mitton saw Mr. Minor who wants to be ap-  
pointed a Missionary - want to know more of his ability  
before I nominate him to the Committee. -  
Mrs. Clibborn & Mrs. Nicholson (the two ladies who  
jointly gave to the N.Y. Profship) called on me  
me to Mrs. Lovillard's - found her at home: but very  
old and full of excuses - she I, however, she would think  
fit. [N.B. she is sister to Mrs. Meiers whose daughter had  
in the morning subscribed \$500 for the N.Y. Profship as I  
told you] - I should have told you that Mrs. Clibborn  
when I had just taken my seat in the coach said  
to me nearly in the following words - "I have good news  
for you Sir; Mrs. Meiers, the mother the young lady  
who gave you \$500 this morning has also authorized  
me to tell you she also will give you \$500, for the same  
object!! - and what is still more I am commissioned  
from my husband to say to you that in case you will  
promise a certain thing he will or rather he will

give you the sum of \$200 from the Douglas fund  
left in our hands to reward missionary servants west  
of the Alleghany mountains." "What is that one thing"  
said I "which I must promise." She replied "It is  
that you do not employ the same in building now  
in the purchase of land for the College but for your  
own comfort and that of your Missionary family"

— "It was the thing to which I assented. —

we went to the bank and dined with Dr. Milnor and at 5.  
put myself in a car & rode to Harlem. The Rev. Mr.  
Clark officiates in the Church in this place. I went to  
see and drank tea with him. Quite an agreeable gen-  
tle man — said he would go with me to the Church in  
Manhattanville where for the convenience of having  
light in the Church the meeting had been appointed.  
— The audience was quite as large as is usual and the  
regular service was read by Mr. Clark and myself. I preached  
— all were quite attentive. No collection is asked but the  
conscience addressed, show they can shake off the duty  
which they impose I can not see. After church I rode  
to Mr. Clifford's where I staid last night. — Mrs. & Mrs.  
Nicholson had gone immediately after leaving Mrs.  
Ellwells to Rhode Island. In the morning the Rev.

Wm. Richardson came over to see me — just before leaving for  
the city. I went over the style to see dear Mrs. Meiers & her  
daughters. — It is strange to see how happy beneficial making  
the human heart even when there is under the greatest afflic-  
tion. This woman is blind and has in other respects,  
been deeply afflicted, yet she is infinitely more happy  
than those who are fifty times more wealthy because since  
she little she ~~gave~~ she hath given to the poor, or rather  
began to pay him that is his due

I rode to Town in the carriage with Mr. O'Leary  
He set me down near the Rev. Dr. Wainwright's. There was  
at home and with him I had a long conversation

I then came on my feet (from  
row.) to Dr. Milner's & thence to Dr  
Stop't in to Mr. Wainwright's & Fulton Ferry.

He has made a purchase of many things,  
way of clothing for Jubilee — 15. or 16. to

— Don't be frightened — we cannot go on about Jubi-  
-lee without this process! — I shall not run in debt  
any! — Found all well but no letters from you  
— How this process you can not tell

Ever faithfully  
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