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Dudley Chase

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Washington April 24th - 1846

Dear George

You tell me that "Dane's debt is discharged & that Dane wishes me to carry the money to Vermont on my return" From these expressions in your letter, I conclude that the money due on the demand I left with you except Duct Smith, is collected & in your hands, where its owner has directed it should remain until my return to Vermont. If I am right in this, (I presume I am) I wish you to take therefrom \$30.00 and apply it to your own use according to your pleasure and convenience, and I will make up the deficiency in Dane's money, thereby secured, when I receive the same from your hands. Furthermore, George, I wish you to take from that fund, whatever sum you please, to supply not only your present necessities, but your present conveniences. The risk of sending money by mail, induces me to resort to a fund for supply. And I see no impropriety in that course, provided you keep an account of the money, disburse it, so that I may be able not only to supply the sum, but the kind of money, you shall so take.

Your letter gives more pleasure & satisfaction

than I have time or words to express - and
I hope you will excuse me when I say
that to know I could be of service to you, was
by no means the smallest item in the
list of felicities which your letter produced.

Had you been distinguished by faculty - for
I could not have been half so much
gratified, half so proud for the honor shown
you, and do feel by the happening of these events
which your letter discloses. The same spirit
that could stoop to the measure to palm upon
the world, for its own, that which was the
production of another, is alone calculated
to consolidate the power of a tyrant, or to soften
the stern brow of the bigot into the smile of
approbation. To be wrapped a favor by
such men is no honor - Their praises are
only to be esteemed when unintentionally
bestowed.

Here well, My dear George,
I shall see you in a few days.

Excuse my not answering your's more
particularly - I write this in my place
in Senate Chamber, in the midst of votes
& motions -

Yours Affectionately
Dudley Church

Mr. George Chase