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## Letter to Philander Chase

Lord Gambier

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The original  
 of the said & other several letters  
 of the said Bishop

Puttenham St. Guilford  
 11 Dec. 1823.

My dear Sir

In the course of the conversations  
 which I had the pleasure of holding with you  
 on the object of your visit to this country; I observed  
 to you that it was the opinion of some persons,  
 that we had in this land so many claims upon the  
 Benevolent and Charitable to support <sup>our</sup> ~~the~~ numerous  
 religious and other institutions, that it was not  
 to be expected that we should be call'd upon to  
 contribute Towards the necessities of other countries.  
 I must candidly confess that I was of this opinion;  
 but, upon further reflection and consideration of  
 the subject, I must retract that opinion, and  
 declare, that I think it is, not only the duty of every  
 individual among us, by every means in our power

The R.<sup>c</sup> Rev.<sup>d</sup> Bishop Chase

to promote the spreading of Divine Truth and the  
blessed Gospel of Salvation through the world, but  
also, that every sincere Believer will, upon due consi-  
deration of the subject, be disposed to contribute  
towards the wants and necessities of those in  
foreign lands, not of our own Nation, who are pe-  
rishing for the lack of knowledge and the benefits  
of the Ordinances of God; for it must not be forgotten  
that all Christians, of every kindred and nation  
upon Earth, have one common Saviour - one Lord -  
one faith, one baptism - one God and Father of us  
all! ought there then to be any distinction of nation  
or people <sup>in the Church of Christ</sup> upon Earth? - Without entering into any  
further arguments or considerations on the subject,  
I must declare my full conviction, that, circum-  
stanced as are the widely scattered people of your  
extensive Diocese and the great want they are in  
of Pastors and Teachers, your plan for the education

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and training of young men, natives of Ohio, for the  
Ministry in the Episcopal Church, must be generally  
approved; and your zealous, disinterested and  
pious exertions in coming to this country for  
assistance towards the establishing the proposed  
colleges, will, I hope prove successful, and that the  
blessing of our gracious Lord will be shed abundantly  
upon your pious labours to promote the extension  
of the Redeemer's Kingdom through the world.

I remain My dear Sir with sincere regard  
and great esteem, your faithful  
and most humble friend and servant.

Gambier.

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