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Cincinnati 7th July 1824.

Right Rev of Dear Sir

It is so long since you have been gone to England & now about time to calculate on your embarkation for America that it seems hardly necessary for me to write. I had resolved several times to address you but as I had nothing new to communicate and as you were expected home in April I omitted it. Mr Sparrow thought it was as well - I had calculated on receiving a letter from you, but the goodness of Mrs Chase has been more than ever proved in sending us the substance of your trials & successes. I can assure your Dear Sir I have watched with great anxiety the issue of your voyage & errand & I have spent many hours and days in hunting up Journals & pamphlets &c that had any bearing upon the great question of Theological Seminary.

I sent four hundred protests to every
part of the U States as also the answers to
Presbyters. these publications with the aid
of the Washington Refertory Trust have been
of some service in the good cause.

The death Sen Giff of your Amiable
Son was received with that resignation in
England I should judge by your letters that
Characterized your feelings previous to
leaving Ohio. He has left us ^{and gone} where
sorrow & pain I discern never approach
but where peace & joy & gratitude
forever dwell - His Character has been
beautifully delineated by Mr Pultledge in
the address delivered at his funeral, something
however will be seen in the Washington Ref
for ~~any~~ July.

While Philander has gone
Respected Sir we trust that even his loss
will be made up in the just government
& holy dispensations of the great head
of the church - The latter part of the
address to our Convention of 1820 respecting

The death of Mr. Burge has often occurred
to my mind induces us to hope that
all things will work together ^{for good} to them that
love the Lord.

It gives us great pleasure for
that notwithstanding the strange objections
& serious ^{which have been made} opposition to your plans, that
Divine Providence has borne up your Spirit
& enabled you to persevere in what you
humbly conceived to be your duty - Your
zealous efforts I trust will be crowned
with success - May the Lord continue to
favour you & yours - We all feel interested
in your welfare & long to see your face
again in Cincinnati - There is nothing particularly
new in the prospect at present - Mr. Morse
has doubtless written you again - Mr. Sparrow is
pretty well. Mrs. Hammond has ^{been} quite low but has
recovered so as to walk a few steps. We are a good
deal alarmed about Seth Hallam whose
health is very delicate - I am Dear Sir
Very Respectfully
Your friend & Servant
Sam Johnston