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Letter to Philander Chase

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Foots Cray Place
18 Aug. 1829

Dear Sir

Mr. Caswell did me the favor to call with
your very kind letter of the 10th of June from Phila
delphia at my house in Great George Street, but
as it was after I had removed into the Country,
& he remained only a few days in London him
self, I had not the pleasure of seeing him. The
details which he could have furnished respect
ing the progress of Kenyon College were however
in some degree supplied by your letters to Lord Ken
yon & Mr. Warrat, which they were so obliging
as to put into my hands. Your English friends
have deeply sympathized with the trying disap
pointments & difficulties you have experienced,
& have marked with gratitude the working of a
gracious Providence in providing supplies here
when they failed in America; & thus affording
unexpected support to an undertaking dedica
ted

to the honor of God & the improvement of Mankind.
I trust that the work now so far advanced will pro-
ceed to its completion without further obstacles of
a serious nature & that the sentiments of your Le-
gislature will have become decidedly favorable.

We are far from making a rapid progress
with the Episcopal College in London. The difficulty
of obtaining a proper site in a closely built me-
tropolis & the feelings arising out of a violent po-
litical contest have contributed to delay the work;
but the ground is now cleared at Semerock Place
& the plans nearly settled.

Lord Henryon (as I suppose you have heard) is
gone abroad for some time, & indeed both his
mind & body greatly need the recreation of a
change of scene. With the severe domestic afflict-
ions with which he has been visited you are
no doubt acquainted; but he was also deeply
affected by the issue of our Parliamentary strug-
gle. Whether the evils which he, & which I, have

apprehended from the late proceedings of the
Legislature will be averted by that Providence
which can bring good out of evil it is yet too
early to judge. It is our duty to pray that they
may, & to cultivate the spirit of loyalty & peace,
& especially to promote to the utmost of our means
& influence the diffusion ^{of scriptural knowledge} as the only effectual
remedy for that spirit of religious indifference
which so much is to be feared, & which so
easily assumes the inviting mask of liberal
& love of freedom. In America as well as in
Europe I am afraid its progress is most formi-
dable; but when I look to the success of your in-
stitution, & the efforts of good men in various
parts of the world I see strong grounds of hope,
& great consolation is observing that the two
great branches of the English race are so eminent-
ly distinguished in these exertions.

My sister desires her kindest remembrance,
she has lately had the misfortune to break her arm

but is recovering favorably. She takes the liveliest
interest in all that concerns you personally, as
well as in your pious & benevolent ^{plans} & I beg to
assure ^{you} of the sincere regard & friendship of
your affectionate Berley

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Dear
The Right Rev.
Bishop Chase

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