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## Letter to Lord Bishop of Salisbury

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2. Square 31<sup>st</sup> Dec: 1830

My dear Lord

With a knowledge of your great interest in the character of Bishop Chase, and in the recent sad dispute, I could not but wish you to see the letter from him. You would have found great confirmation of the opinion you formed on the previous documents that the poor Bishop is no longer himself. I would have come to you to read it if I could have done so, and shall hope to do so when it returns.

"The charge of inordinate ambition" is merely founded on the miserable dispute about the succession to

the Episcopate, and that of "Forgery" has still left  
to support it. Mr W. having asserted that the  
Bishop once promised in writing to recommend him  
as his successor, the Bishop answers this must be  
a forgery, and if he will produce it, I will have  
him tried. On such grounds does a Bishop, writing  
to a Trustee, make out a charge of Forgery (which  
word he writes in large Capitals) and sends his  
letter to a foreign Land. Proh pudor!!

I feel deeply with your Lordship the desir-  
ableness of such a matter being kept from the public,  
but that is rendered impossible by the Bishop's  
conduct. He has written all this scandal <sup>not</sup> to the  
Trustees only, but to a  
very imprudent man, who is actively circulating it

as true. If the Bishop were an English subject, he would  
be indictable. As things are, I am bound as a Christian  
to shield a persecuted and shamefully labelled man, in  
answer to the letters of enquiry which come to me, in  
consequence of the Bishop's publication, & letters to  
England. But I neither say or write an unnecessary  
word. I forward the letter to Lord

G. as a Trustee, and shall do the

same to Lord Bexley. I hope this change of  
weather is acceptable to Mrs Burgess, on whom Mr  
Marrist, if she had a carriage, would make an early  
call. With our united kind regards, I remain, my  
dear Lord, Yrs most devotedly

J.M.M.

Our accounts of my Daughter are much better, I thank  
God. Pray frank the enclosed according to your kind  
promise.

1<sup>st</sup> Jan<sup>y</sup> 1830. May God bless the new Year to your  
Lordship & Mrs Burjeps!

I have been much struck with the comment of an  
old Divine, Samuel Smith, on the first words of the first  
Psalm, which Mr Home tells me is right, & gives me other  
authorities. He says the original is—"Oh! the blessedness  
of the man" &c.

It has just occurred to me that I shall value your  
counsel much, in guiding myself through the difficulty  
of duty to Bishop Chase & to Mr West. I will never  
quote your Lordship. If you do not write to stop me, I  
will breakfast with you to-morrow, and afterwards go  
to your Church.

Do not make the mistake I made above in your  
letters of this day, by writing the old year.

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Wm. G. Hamrick  
Jan<sup>y</sup> 1<sup>st</sup>  
1831