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Gambier August 15. 1843.

Right Rev. I dear Sir.

On my recent arrival at home from the East, I received yours of July 31, on enquiring my opinion concerning the recent ordination of Mr Carey in N. York. I feel no hesitation in answering that I am very far from being satisfied therewith. I think a great injury has been done to the character of the Church & that the interests of truth & piety, of our Protestant Church & the Gospel committed to her trust, as the pillar & ground thereof, most solemnly demand that, in some way or other, the matter should be judicially investigated, & the honor of the Church vindicated. The excitement is very great, especially among the laity - confidence in our institutions is greatly shaken & it will take many years to wear

away the prejudices which the present state of things has excited against them. I have recently been in circumstances to hear & learn much of the feeling of the Society. The general voice is that the Gen. Assembly must go down unless some thing be done to "define its position" better than is now the case. I have heard many express the opinion that all the general institutions of the Church will suffer materially in the support of the Society. What is proper to be done, I am not prepared to express an opinion. What is a letter denouncing from the Bp. of N. York with as a certificate that A. B. has not as far as he knows & believes, been justly liable to evil report for error in religion, until we know better what he thinks error in religion? I really feel as if it were of no force - & yet to refuse to receive such a letter, were to break communion with that Bp.

I should think that with regard to the Episcopal in Texas, all matters should be deferred till the

next Gen. Convention - which, I fear, will be
in troublous times.

Hoping you have been recovered from your
late illness & have regained your accustomed
health, I remain

Very truly

Your friend & brother

Chas. P. McSwain.



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