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Wartford Aug. 16. 1843

W. Rev. and Dear Sir;

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your Letter of the 31st ultimo.

Before this reaches you, you will have received explanations which go far towards clearing up the objections to the ordination of Mr. Leary. Still, I think that young men entertain some very erroneous opinions, and that the Bishop would have done well to have postponed any action in his case, till he had reviewed those opinions. I deeply regret the odium which has been thrown upon the Church by the public actions of Messrs. Atherton and Smith in St. Stephen's Church, and their Pamphlet consequent upon it. But still I entertain the hope that divine Providence will overrule it all for good. The alarm which has been sounded, and the almost universal burst of feeling which has been exhibited, will be likely to give an effectual check to extreme opinions which had begun to prevail among the students of the Seminary, and some

of the younger clergy;— to say nothing of older Brethren who have manifested a strong partiality to some of the Oxford innovations.

You will have learned through the Papers that the Rev. Dr. Henshaw was consecrated at Providence on the 11th Instant.

I doubt whether we can take any action for the consecration of a Texas Bishop till our General Convention have legislated on the subject. You will recollect that the Comen for the consecration of Foreign Bishops was laid on the Table of the House of Lay-Delegates, and that the matter was postponed for the action of the next Convention.

You will please excuse a very hasty letter, as I am just about to leave home for Albany. The family of Mr. Kip are enjoying their usual health.

Very affectionately,

Your Friend & Brother

J. C. Brownell

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