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Letter to Philander Chase

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East Cowton
Catterick
Yorkshire

Feb. 2. 1847

Right Reverend and Dear Sir

It is too commonly the case with mankind
to neglect the privileges, which they enjoy, till they are reminded
of their value by the loss of them - A feeling of this kind
has, I fear, had too much influence over myself, otherwise
I should, with greater frequency, avail myself of the opportunity
which you so kindly hold out to me, and even press upon me, of
keeping up a correspondence with a Bishop in a far distant diocese,
whose praise is in all the churches. Though I will not plead guilty
to the charge of despising your valuable correspondence, I am afraid
I can account for my silence upon no other ground, than that of
my numerous engagements, an excuse, which can hardly be allowed
by one, who, amidst engagements infinitely more varied & numerous
can make time to write long & powerful appeals in behalf of
the destitute and afflicted. In writing to you upon the present occasion
I wish I could give you as cheering accounts of my success in raising
with funds for the support of our young protegee at Subilee,
as has been the case heretofore. I am sorry to say that all
that I can calculate upon at present is about £16 - No

in the present state of our suffering country, where objects
of more immediate and pressing interest claim all that
can be spared from the most liberal charity, have I any
prospect of success for appeals in behalf of one, whose claims
are weaker whose wants are less urgent. There are however still
a few kind friends who, I trust, will continue their subscriptions
for some time longer, and occasional assistance may be obtained
from individuals to whom I have not yet made an appeal.

I regret however to be obliged to express my fears that I
cannot raise funds, which will any longer defray the whole
cost of our young charge at Subitee - If you will continue to
send me the acct^s, I will do what I can to meet them, and I
will hope, that friends in America will supply the rest. By this
time you will be enabled to form an idea as to the probable
success of your benevolent exertions in favour of James George
and it will give me great pleasure to communicate to those
who have taken an interest in him, the gratifying intelligence
that their benevolence has been well bestowed. Our good
bishop especially would rejoice to hear that our young friend
was likely to become a faithful soldier & servant of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Of Mrs George I have heard nothing for a long time - I purport
writing to her by the first mail.

Since my last letter to you, what a delightful change has taken place
with respect to the position of our respective beloved countries towards
each other. Long may that friendship continue, which must tend
so much to the advantage of both - Ourselves would have been our
situation at the present moment, if, in addition to the judgements,
which are now impending over us, we had been waging a ruinous
war with that country, from the superabundant provisions of
which the starving population in one part of our empire are
chiefly supported. It is the Lord & his loving kindness is
marvellous in our eyes. O that the Lord in judgment would
remember mercy & overrule the present sufferings of his people
to his own glory and to their spiritual good. The banner of
Tractarianism, which appeared to be pervading our beloved church,
has, I hope, received a check - and though there are still many
whose opinions lean, if not to Rome, to exclusive High Churchmanship,
I trust that the truth as it is in Jesus is preached in many a
congregation, & that our Church is striking its roots deeper and
more extensively in the affections of the people - When you
write to me, which I hope you will yet do, will you favour me with
your opinion as to the Union, which is now being attempted amongst
Christians of various denominations, under the name of the Evangelical Alliance.
Though I have not joined the body, its professed object being hearty good will.
With my sincere prayer that you may long be spared to feed the sheep over whom you are appointed to be
J. Holton

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