

Rudolph Bunner & Philip J. Schuyler

Dear Sir or Cousin

(before 1818?)

P. J. S. did go to Congress
in 1817

~~requested~~ requested me to write to you the Current news of the Day.

I cannot refuse to write - But the news of the day is hardly worth

While writing - and my brain is not teeming with other matter -

The information from Dutcher, is scant, fears of the result - no determination
as to the course. Bales, Brother is securing the County to revive the
the old Federal influence under a new name - but with the old Banners
and the old principles or rather the old men ~~are~~ still to lead to future

Barbarism of profit & loss: profit - means money: loss means reputation -
here in the City the report is strong that one 12 Bunner will be sent
to the assembly: few object to him all promise him - & his Friends. ^{Excellent} but
promises are easily broken or forgotten or excused, so that this ~~man~~

young man informs me he will prepare himself for a disappointment
after authorizing alderman Board to push his pretensions: - I think

you ought to return without delay to your own County & prepare
yourself for Congress - or for the Convention - if you cannot train yr

boat to your satisfaction for the first voyage - you ought to go
decidedly for the last - it is more important in its consequences

and will give rise to new parties in the State in which you must
act & suffer - I sincerely believe that Clinton friends intend to

abandon him. They talk of Sanford & mean to use his name ~~as~~
basis for the purposes of a new order of things - will he suffer it? - yes if

he see his way clear - to me the prospects from that quarter are more &
more ^{gloomy} ~~dark~~ - there is an unquestionable dissatisfaction in the ranks of

Mr Clinton & a lowering cloud of discontent among us old & new
republicans of the Peter Paul Parkhurst - when it ever the cloud

breaks ^{neither} you ^{or} I will be refreshed by the showers - they fertilize
soils more congenial to the growth of shrub oaks & weeds - than for you
or myself I could wish - but patience ~~come~~ & shuffle the cards
over

To Mrs P. J. Schuyler
after 8 hrs. Christian faith.

My dear madam -

how is Mr Kirkland & Mr Channing and all the apostles of the
new faith to which you cling so fondly - and which seems to have opened upon
you new vistas of cheering prospect and lively promise: I would not seduce you
if I could (I could not if I would) to the olden rule - and the gloomier
doctrine - you tread so gracefully so fearlessly - and so confidently the
promised path which ~~has~~ enticed your feet - (I will not say to stray)
that it would be cruel to attempt it - I have so much of Christian charity
in me as to believe that the pure heart & the contrite spirit is a better
offering than the greatest accuracy in the mysterious doctrines of our
abstruse religion: nor do I fear for your errors that you will be doomed
some slight eternity or so - until you come out with a faith so just
and true to the balance of orthodox that ~~the~~ ^{the} pleasing single hair of a
rabbinical beard ^{will} turn the scales - which is the belief of some of us
now am I yet prepared to say precisely what amount of sinful error
you may safely carry with you ^{out} of this world without danger of
searching your petticoats in the next - But that you err - my dear madam
I cannot but believe - perhaps for no better reason than that I was
born in Savannah and bred an alumnus of Col. College - where I should
wish to be installed professor thereof - I think that you & I may both be
saved; though according to the best expositors of our breed your delusion
is damnable, and according to the Zealots of yours (are there such?)
I am a brutified idolater a kind of three penny pagan - on whom
the blessed light of truth has not yet beamed - by the way you should
send us some missionaries of the Learned East to convince us - some
rhetoricians to allure us - and bring yourself back to keep us true and
prevent our backsliding; much may be done with some of us - who are for
giving reason a fair & full sweep - In the controversy that I perceive
is about to arise you will require skill, courage, learning, & polish - and
from what I have heard with my ears (a vile affectation as Sir Hugh says) I
do believe you are competently providing yourself for the onset

your great difficulties will be with the blue coated Lewis men of
the - but I am interrupted so adieu 12 13 -

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