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Albany September 1st. 1840

Dear Sir,

I acknowledge with great pleasure the receipt of your letter of the 29th of August. Although it bestows upon me more praise than I deserve or can consistently receive, I welcome it as the expression of a generous spirit on a subject which ought to excite not only as it does on my part patriotic zeal but also as it does on yours Christian philanthropy.

I have carefully read and permit me to say further that I have read with lively satisfaction your address to the People of your Charge on the subject of the education of their Children. I wish you abundant success in this great and good work. I notice also with pleasure your Circumspection in avoiding the danger of exciting prejudices incident always to every effort to reform manners or morals.

I need not assure you of my sympathy in regard to the ultimate object of your efforts, the education of the poor. I content myself therefore with saying that it will afford me great pleasure to consult with you freely on the subject whenever it suits your convenience to make your promised visit in this place, and that in all measures calculated to advance that object you shall have what support it is in my power consistently with other duties and relations to afford.

Accept my grateful thanks for your kind expressions, and be assured that while my ambition for public favor is already satisfied, I regard it with an honor and a pleasure to have gained by my public conduct the respect and esteem of one who so

deservedly enjoys the affection of a numerous denomination of Christians and the unreserved respect of the whole community.

I am, dear Sir,
Very sincerely,

Your friend and obedient servant
William H. Sewall

The Right Reverend John Hughes

Bishop Coadjutor of New York

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