

## Charles Barney's Frustrations with Leonidas Polk

### Summary

Source: Charles R. Barney to the Rt. Rev. James H. Otey, 23 November 1859, sent from University Place, "Correspondence, 1859" folder, Charles Barney Papers, University Archives.

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Rt. Rev. Sir,

Your letter of the 3rd inst. in answer to mine of the 23 Sept. was duly received & contents noted. Since which I have more than once expended ink and paper on the subject of the bad treatment I have met with in not receiving the necessary funds to carry out the instructions of the Executive Committee, enlarged upon by Bishop Polk, but upon second thought have deemed it best to destroy those effusions of my disappointment and mortification, and will leave it for you to imagine how eloquent I could be on the subject. Suffice it to say, the extensive improvements ordered are within a day or so of completion, and the workmen, mostly needy, living from hand to mouth, are harassing me for their several dues to an extent not easily described.

I have made the best use of the \$400 received from Bishop Polk on the 8th Oct., by distributing it among them to keep down clamor, talk, and bad feeling; and to keep up the credit and the dignity of the 'great Enterprize' which should commence its teachings, even before the laying of the Cornerstone, and not subject itself to reproach by its shortcomings in money matters. To save it therefore, and to protect the reputations of its noble projectors and their humble agent myself, I must beg and implore that a sufficient sum, say about \$1000, be raised at once to enable me to pay what is now due to the workmen & for the materials [and] other improvements made at this place under instructions.

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