

Lexington, Va.

July 19th. 1878

My Dear young namesake,

I send you the
"Life of Albert Sidney John-
ston", a book which I have
written as a memorial of
my father. When you get a
little older I hope you will
prize it for the sake of the
writer; and when you come
to read and understand
it, I hope and believe you
will find some things in
the character of the man

about whom I write which
will help you to make your-
self a better and more
useful man. That is
what we ought to live for.
I send you this, hoping,
my dear boy, that you
may live to become such
a man, and that you
may always be a joy and
honor to your excellent
father and mother.

Your affectionate Kinsman
and friend
Wm Preston Johnston

To
Preston Johnston Beale.
Botetourt Co. Va.