

"Buxton Place," N.C.

Monday, 29th Dec. 1879.

Dear Elias

My nice Christmas present
came to hand Christmas morning -
How thoughtful and kind you are to
remember me! - Rest assured my dear
Elias, that it is appreciated, and will never
be forgotten -

We have a quiet Xmas,
but we have cause to be thankful
that nothing unpleasant has occurred
to trouble or annoy us. All of my children
in reach of us, spent the day with us, &
every day, some of them, come over to see us -
Our crops were short, both corn & cotton,
I sold my Cotton in Waverly @ 11⁵/₈ -
I needed the money, & think I did well to sell -
Suppose you have not sold, as most every
one thinks the price will be better and you

have no particular need of money just
now. Remember me most affectionately
to your wife and mother-in-law, whom I
shall ever remember and think of, as one
of my mother's friends. I seldom ever
write to any one, but shall always be
pleased to hear from you -

Wishing you and yours a happy
new year. I remain as ever,

Yr affectionate Uncle
J. Buxton Williams -