

Supreme Court of North Carolina
Raleigh

MARSHALL DELANCEY HAYWOOD, MARSHAL AND LIBRARIAN

May 26, 1919.

Dear Mr. Carr:-

To you, as a blood representative (through descent) of Colonel Jonas Johnston, and to Mrs. Carr, I wish to express the sincere regret I feel at being unable to accept the invitation to be present in Tarboro on the 30th of the present month when a tablet in memory of your ancestor will be unveiled under the auspices of the North Carolina Historical Commission and the Commissioners of Edgecombe County.

For many years I have felt more than a passing interest in the career of Colonel Johnston. Your father, the late Governor Carr, and another elderly descendant, the late Dr. Peter E. Hines, were for many years my associates in the Society of Sons of the Revolution, and (knowing my interest in such matters) related to me traditional anecdotes of his domestic as well as military life. I also feel a kind of hereditary interest in the forthcoming event, as my great-grandfather, Colonel William Haywood, commanded the Edgecombe Regiment in the early stages of the Revolution, was later a colleague of Colonel Johnston from Edgecombe County in the North Carolina Provincial Congress, and later still was elected to succeed him as Edgecombe's representative in the North Carolina House of Commons.

When next I have the good fortune to revisit Tarboro, I shall not fail to inspect the tablet.

With all good wishes, I am,

Yours,

Marshall Delancey Haywood

Elias Carr, Esq.,

Bracebridge Hall, Edgecombe County, N. C.