

The BOOKER T. WASHINGTON *Papers*

From David Lee Johnston

Pratt Mines Ala. 9-25-'89

Dear Prof. I guess you have heard from all the class since school closed but me. I would have written to you sooner but I knew you were away during summer and did not know just when you returned. I had a letter from Prof. Logan a few days since and I was very glad to hear that so many new students were coming in. I hope you will have a full school this term. Some of the boys up here are not coming at all this term. I have tried to persuade them to come but they think it best to remain out. I thought once of teaching this winter but I have decided not to do so as I have a very good job that pays me from \$45.00 to \$50.00 per month and I think it best to keep it through the winter. I think of giving the school to Goins,¹ but I had much rather some of the girls have it, I find it a hard matter to hear from the girls is why I havent offered it to some of them. It is a very good school and in a very good community. I am sure most any of them would like it. And too I think it will engage two teachers. I will meet the parents to-night, and if I cannot possibly satisfy them by recomending others I will fill one of the positions my self. Love to all the Teachers. Whenever I can I speak a good word for Tuskegee.

Hoping an early reply I am Very Truly yours

David L. Johnston

P.S. A longer letter next time.

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¹ Howell L. Goins of Tuscaloosa, Ala., was a classmate of Johnston at Tuskegee from 1885 to 1889. After graduation he taught in various towns in Alabama.

From George Leonard Chaney

Leominster. Mass. Sept. 25. '89

Dear Mr. Washington. I enclose the copies of the "Acts" which you sent me.¹ There is no mistaking their language. The control of the