

See Flower Plantation

January 28th 1858

Hon John Moore
New Haven

Dear Grand Pa

I have sent my wagon after rum, to take up Red River, in copartnership, with Col. Effelt, it will be carried on his boat he thinks, if we can get the rum, to Washington, at a cost of 5¹/₂ or 6 dollars a gallon that a good deal of money can be made by it. I wish Mr. Johnston to engage me the rum, if he could do so: And if any advancement was required to ask you to make it for me. The Col. thinks, if we would take salt up Red River, we could make fine profits, as it is selling at 11 and 20 dollars a bushel. If we can get any quantity of it we may try to ship some by the next trip of the boat; we could not do so this trip, on account of the coast not being finished that leads to the Island. The Col. has kindly offered to take my sugar off for me, and to take it to any market I may wish, he will take this time about 200 lbs for me with the balance of his, it will go to Jefferson Texas where his other shipment is. Capt. Kinchley stores the sugar & molasses of Prescott & Moore at Shreveport, asking 25¢ for the sugar & 50 dollars for the molasses, he will leave again for Shreveport some time next week.

I wish you could send me by the way some Gault & Cottman flour, about six m^s, this if they can not be had 4⁵/₁₀ & 5⁵/₁₀ will answer & 2 1/2⁰. Hubert & Tidmore has

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a measure when I was there, they asked 25 dollars for the
largest size - Please write me, by the boy, if you think
we could get salt from the Island, and whether there
would be any danger of having our teams pressed -

I have thought of engaging in the rum making, but
perhaps it is too late, & I may ship my molasses
by the next trip of the Col's boat -

We are all quite well sister Addie
is up here with us.
Your affectionate Grandson
Ben Prescott

New Haven
Sun 25/63

For the Moon

Old Sumner's
Dwelling

Wm. H. H. H.
at New Haven

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