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Scope and Contents

Letter from William Johnson, who at the time represented Barbour County in the Virginia House of Delegates. The letter may be addressed to Colonel Jesse Teter, Esq.; it was sent from Richmond, VA, and dated 1861 March 25. It includes a recounting of recent events in the House, and mentions "the Hamilton Draft", a bill transferring the James River and Kanawha Canal to "the French Company", the activities of the Virginia Secession Convention and the author's concerns about its effectiveness. He also mentions a Mr. Woods, possibly Samuel Woods, the representative to the Convention from Barbour County, as "one of the leading members from the West." There is also a modern handwritten transcription of the letter (undated).

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