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PERSONAL LETTER to Alexandre Declouet at Louisiana College in  
St. James Parish, from Charles Delhomme in Attakapas.

April 1st, 1855, Attakapas

Dear Friend,

Yours of the 10th ult. came to hand by the mail of Monday before  
last and would have been attended with immediate answer had I not had to  
write many letters that week.

Your father (Alexandre Declouet) came here last evening and has  
just now started; all your family are in good health; I understand that he is  
going to leave pretty soon for the river to go, I suppose, to the public  
examination spoken of in Grand Coteau.

All here are well. This is the best news I can afford to give you.  
The water is just passing in Plaquemine and now we entertain some hopes of  
having something like navigation. Bayou Teche is yet so low that St. Clair  
has not yet been able to carry here the lumber for his house. The water is  
indeed so shallow that the smallest boat would not float from here to the  
bridge. In some places it might even be forded.

Walking along the banks of the Teche this morning near one of those  
shallow places we discovered a large fish aground, remarkable for his  
tremendous size; we had to call for several men to pull him out of the water  
and after many strenuous efforts brought him home where every one was  
surprised at both his size and weight; he measures ten feet in length. Your  
father (Alexandre Declouet) has no recollection of any such captures in this  
bayou. I will keep his head to show it to you when you come home.

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My kind regards please present to Paul (Declouet) and believe me  
to be

Yours truly,

Charles Delhomme

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