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PERSONAL LETTER from Charles de l'Homme, in Attakapas, to
Alexandre Declouet, Jr. at Louisiana College, in St. James Parish.
Attakapas, May 13, 1855

My dear Friend:

T. B. FAVROT
COLLECTION

About two weeks ago, I received your letter dated April 14th. I intended to answer last Sunday but as Latislais came to dine with us I did not have time.

Your father spent the night here last Wednesday. Thursday, he went to Convent and then slept here again. Ninise is in good health and always satisfied. St. Clair still continues to equip his habitation. He has already built a pretty kitchen and has work done in his house at the present time, probably, it will be finished only in the course of July. None is still about in the same condition, however, in the last few months, he became more feeble.

We had a drought which lasted over a month and was beginning to make us uneasy on account of the crops. There was so much dust that we avoided as much as possible riding in the carriage. Last Tuesday, we had a good shower which was welcomed wherever it fell as it will be very beneficial to our crops. Rain fell only from Mr. Voorhies up to a little distance above here. Your father says that his crop is somewhat beginning to suffer not having had the same luck as ours. Bayou Teche is still at its lowest. The Lastrapes still see their crops in and fear to be obliged to send them through the portage. It would be the first time they would be reduced to this necessity.

We are expecting five workers for tomorrow, they are coming to

1855 build the cotton-mill therefore, when you come you will probably find it
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(con't.)

I believe this is all I can tell you now.

Kiss Paul (Declouet) for me. Here, they all join me to send their
affectionate thoughts.

T. B. FAVROT
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Yours as ever,

Charles de l'Homme