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PERSONAL LETTER from Henriette Lebreton St. Clair in St. Martinville, to her cousin, Alexandre Declouet, Jr. at Louisiana College in St. James Parish.

St. Martinville, May 27, 1855

**T. B. FAVROT  
COLLECTION**

My dear Clouet,

I have received two letters from you recently without replying but you will excuse me when I tell you that it was not from laziness or forgetfulness that I have not written, but first because I spent time with Tante Tonton, and then I had a visit from Edmond who stayed here a few days. He came on business, he has been working for the past three months. He runs errands for his father's business, he weighs the sugar and ships it. He spoke much of you, he has deep affection for you and was so sorry that you were not here. He plans to come here on his vacation, urge him to come at that time. Nothing else new here, the sugar cane does not look good but the corn is very good, the dry weather continues all the time. St. Clair (Jean Baptist) told me to tell you that he has not received your letter but he will write you soon. Gabrielle (your sister) is always sweet, she was crazy about Edmond whom she called Ket. Henri wants to see you to show how well he can ride a horse. I trust you to be careful when you go on those boats, it is so dangerous. I don't expect to have the pleasure of seeing you this year, your uncle can not get away at this time. The water is so low that our voyage would take too long. I am sorry about this and regret not to be able to see my relatives this year.

Everyone here sends you their love. Uncle Henri and we kiss you with all our hearts.

Henriette St. Clair

Handwritten in French. In 1980 original owned by Mrs. Marty Sims of Nederland, Texas.