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PERSONAL LETTER from Alexandre Declouet in St. Martinville,
to his son, Alexandre Declouet, Jr. at Louisiana College in St. James
Parish.

St. Martinville, June 6, 1855

My dear son,

T. B. FAVROT
COLLECTION,

I am leaving right now for Grand Coteau, so I have only time for
a few lines in haste. We are very worried at the bad news of cholera which
has come here in town and on the coast, and if you have the chance let
Terry know that I am counting on him if he saw any danger. I am also
counting on the sollicitude of Mr. Dufau. On your part my dear children, do
not be alarmed, with prudence, care and good food there is nothing to fear.
In fact the last news from New Orleans are much better, and so I am hoping
that on the coast this calamity will not spread. However, I am repeating
to you: be careful and sober.

I was not counting on going so soon to the Convent, but the sad news
of the death of little Frouiard (from a sore throat) daughter of Ovide Frouard
has so upset your mother and me too, that I decided to go and see Ninise.

If your uncle T. S. Armand has invited you to go and see him, and
that he sends after you, you can not imagine the pleasure it would give me,
and in case you go, do not fail to remember me to him.

They are working on your clothes and you will receive them soon.
Goodbye my dear children, I have no more time, all of us kiss you in heart
and spirit. Gabrielle (your sister) speaks often of her godfather Ret.

Your father and sincere friend,

Alexandre Declouet

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