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PERSONAL LETTER from Charles de l'Homme, in Attakapas, to  
Alexandre Declouet, Jr., at Louisiana State College, in St. James Parish.  
Attakapas, July 8, 1855

My dear Friend,

I have received with pleasure both your letters of the 13th and 15th of last month. Aunt Tonton also has received one of a very old date, which as she wants me to tell you, she plans to answer soon.

At last, after a long drought, we had here torrential rains; luckily, since last week, they stopped.

I must announce to you that I have a third big son, born on the 6th of this month. He promises to be as big as Alexandre judging from his present looks.

The cotton-mill is progressing. I think it will be finished in the course of next month. I am not describing it to you as you will see it during your vacation.

St. Clair is now at your father's with his wife. Sometimes, St. Clair and I go hunting for wild cats, we have already caught seven. St. Clair kept one in order to raise it, it follows him like a dog.

You must have heard already about poor Lolotte's death. She died a few weeks ago from dropsy. It is a loss for Aunt Tonton as she was the one who took care of None.

I have no other news for you at the present time. Many kind thoughts to you and Paul (Declouet).

Affectionately,

Charles de l'Homme

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