Delhomme from Attakapas to Alexander deClouet at Brookland School (a school for boys at Greenwood Depot, Virginia).

Attakapas February 7, 1857

Mr. A. deClouet

My dear friend

Letter by Charles Delhomme to Alexander deClouet at Brookland School, Virginia. I learned upon my arrival here that while I was on the river a letter came from you to my address here. I have not yet been able to read it as Noëmi sent it to me in the city and I hadn't received it. As you are probably impatient to have news of us and to learn what has been happening here I hasten to answer you. Two days ago we saw Lexo who was going to Grand Coteau. He told us that your mother and sisters are well. Your father is in the city or in Baton Rouge and will be returning by Monday. I think that he went to Baton Rouge because of that matter of dividing the parish which has come up again. He is against it as well as many others and it can be presumed that this project will come about. St. Clair slept here last night and his wife at Mrs. Octave Fronnard's who was delivered day before yesterday of two boys one of who was born dead. Octabe is also in the city and will not come back before Monday like your father so he was not able to be present for the event which just took place.

Lessin Bernard had the misfortune to lose his wife; he had been awaiting this tragedy since she was dying and in a pitiable state of emaciation. Lessin is very sad.

I've been back from the city only since the 25th. I was gone a rather long time. You must have heard that I have a 4th son; I think that we'll call him Paul. He is healthy so far. Alexandre and Charles

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1857are still devils. Yesterday they had a good time with Henry who was toFeb. 7,Cont'd.meet his father here.

T. B. FAVROT COLLECTION Aunt Tonton and Noemie join me to send our greetings to you as well as to Paul.

Please remember me as your friend.

Devotedly

Chas. (Charles) Delhomme

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