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PERSONAL letter written by B. De St. Clair at Vermillionville,  
La. (now Lafayette) to Alexander DeClouet.

**T. B. FAVROT**  
**COLLECTION**

Vermillionville, La. \*  
March 12, 1857

My dear Clouet (Alexander)

Three days ago I received your letter of February 26, and last night the one of the 28th. I didn't answer right away because of lack of time, so I am answering both of them today. I received one from Paul last night which I have just answered. I had news yesterday from your father's; all are well. At the moment there are 14 workers, which must be not just a little trouble for your mother. We had the pleasure just recently of having your father, mother, Titite and Gabi spend the night with us. They had gone to see Blanche at the convent. They slept at Mr. Lague's, a friend of Mr. Bitournoy's. Aunt Tonton was with them.

Your father told me that he had written to tell you to go meet Paul at the preparatory school. It must be that you had not received his letter, for your last one is dated from the university. If you want to see the inauguration of the president (elect), tell me everything you saw and heard and how you like all those things.

After having had real spring-like weather during the latter part of February and the first part of March, now for several days we have had bad weather, cold and wet and this morning truly winter weather. There was a good freeze. It is still cold at 3:30 in the afternoon.

We are very grateful, Mimi and I, for the counseling which you give to Henri (LeBreton). We don't know when he is to leave, but as it is not up to him, I believe he will leave when his uncle Edmond will send him.

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Goodbye my dear Clouet (Alexander), I kiss you as I would  
like to tell you with all my heart.

Sincerely,

Your uncle

B. de St. Clair

P.S. Mimi and Tato ask me to send you a thousand good wishes. Tato  
has just told me that he embraces you with all his heart and that he  
breaks your neck.

\*NOTE: Vermillionville - On February 7, 1824 the Louisiana Legislature  
passed an act making Vermillionville the Parish seat of  
Lafayette Parish. In 1884 Vermillionville became the City of  
Lafayette.

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