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PERSONAL LETTER from Alexander Declouet, Jr. in St. Martinville to his brother, Paul Declouet at the Brookland School in Greenwood Depot, Virginia.

St. Martinville, April 4, 1861

My dear Paul,

Only a few lines to let you know how we are all going along. I got here last Friday at 2 o'clock A. M. and found every body enjoying a good health. Uncle (Benoit) St. Clair arrived here on the same day as I, about breakfast time and he stayed until Saturday evening. On Sunday we went to mass in St. Martins. Miss Laurent is improving very rapidly. In a few days I think she will be able to begin to walk about in the house. I just now arrived from Aunt Tonton's (Josephine Declouet de l'Homme). I had been gone since last Sunday evening, it is the reason I did not write to you sooner. I went as far as Aunt Catiche (Marie Louise Declouet Lastrapes) and found them all well. I am sorry I cannot write you a longer letter; I have just time enough to write a few lines only, so as not to miss the mail. Next time I write I will give you a full account of all the matters here.

My love to all the friends and believe me to be as ever your most affectionate brother,

Alexander Declouet, Jr.

Handwritten in English. Original on file at Dupre Library at the University of Southwestern Louisiana in Lafayette, La.