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LETTER from W. C. Rives in Castle Hill to Paul Declouet, in
Virginia.

Castle Hill June 8, 1861

My dear sir,

Having been absent from home for the last eight or ten days on public business, I did not receive your letter of 29th ult. until yesterday on my return. Your father (Alexander Declouet) handed me \$60 in gold (not \$50, as you suppose), on my departure from Montgomery, to be delivered to you at the University, where both he and I supposed you then were. This sum I put into the hands of Mr. Slaughter Ficklin of Charlottesville, as I was not going to the University myself, and he promised me to deposit it immediately to your credit in the Farmers Bank of that place. I inform you of it by a line through the mail. This he, no doubt, did, as it seeing you had not received his communication, I have written to Mr. Bill, the cashier of the Farmer's Bank, to forward to you immediately the amount of the sum deposited to your credit. I regret very much this delay, as it gave me great pleasure to bear any thing from your father to you; and I adopted what I supposed to be the most expeditious mode of effecting the remittance. It will give me great pleasure to see you at my house on your return to Albemarle; and I pray you to believe me, with cordial good wishes,

Very truly yours,

W. C. Rives

P. L. Declouet, Esq.

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