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PERSONAL LETTER from Blanche Declouet in St. Martinville, La.,
to her brother, Paul Declouet, in Virginia.

St. Martinville, August 10, 1861

Dear Paul,

We received this morning a letter from Papa (Alexander Declouet) in which he sends us one from you and from Miss Gay. I assure you that we read them with pleasure for we were beginning to be quite uneasy about you both having staid a long time without any news. What a good lady is Miss Gay. We shall never forget all the kindness that she had for you. Her letter to Papa is very affectionate. She invites him very politely to go to see her.

The company of Mr. Charles Tertron is going on very well. They are nearly 100 men; they are speaking of going to Calcasieu to put the men of the Brooklyn at reason. It appears that they come in small boats to steal all the oxen of the inhabitants that they can catch. There is a very bad weather here since several days. We hope that it is not the same in Virginia for poor you and all the other soldiers must suffer too much when it is raining. We are all well here and hope that it is the same with you and Papa. Corinne (Declouet) has been sick but she is well since a few days. Miss Laurent suffers often yet, she sent you her loves. Adieu dear Paul, nothing else to tell you. I will write you soon in french and give more details of every thing here. We hope that you will back with P apa, please try to do it. Adieu again, we all kiss you.

Your affectionate sister,

Blanche Declouet

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