

1861
Aug. 29

PERSONAL LETTER from Gabrielle Declouet in St. Martinville, to
her father, Alexander Declouet in Richmond, Virginia.

St. Martinville, August 29, 1861

My dear Papa,

We received your letter on Saturday. I was very happy. Old Bille is very ill but he feels a little better. Miss Laurent wants to be remembered to you.

Christine (my sister) did not write to you because she had to write to Paul (my brother). She will write to you next week. Corinne (my sister) understands everything she is told. She can say Papa. The other day, Docidoune brought her to her cabinet, she saw all the clothes hanging there. She called you. Miss Laurent has been sick for a few days. She shivered with fever. Mr. Octave left for Virginia. He will return to join you. Mr. Basile is going to be the overseer of the refinery. He said that twice he worked for Mr. Laclair's son. Since Mr. Thurbert pulled four of my teeth I am as ugly as a monkey but now I am glad they are out else I would have had to wait too long. You can see that I did not delay answering you.

Goodbye, my dear Papa. Your little daughter who loves you,

Gabrielle Declouet

P. S. Tell Gussy that Roselia had a little girl this morning.