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

St. Martinville, September 24, 1861

My dear Paul,

I don't think that I am giving you much news because Ninise (Blanche, our sister) is writing to you at the same time I am doing.

Miss Laurent went to the theater Saturday last. She went to sleep at Mrs. Euphemond. She said that Mr. Sabatier and Arthur Simon played very well. We did not go. Miss Laurent went with Mrs. Euphemond. Two soldiers came here Sunday last to obtain some money for a company which is being formed in New Orleans. Mama (Louise Benoit Declouet) gave them only two or three dollars because if Papa (Alexander Declouet) does not come we are going to be obliged to live only with the money from the butter. Mr. Tertroux's company had a great military parade at St. Martin Saturday.

Corinne (our sister) has a cold. She is a little better now. You should come here to see Corinne. She does such cute little tricks now. Mama has a little fever almost everyday. Miss Laurent urges her every day to send for Mr. Laureal but she does not want.

Mr. Orville Broussard came here yesterday to look for the number and the age of the negroes.

Goodbye my dear brother. Kisses from all the family,

Christine Declouet

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