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LETTER from I. N. Norris in Baltimore to Paul Declouet in prison.  
Baltimore, August 14, (1862)

Dear Sir,

My brother William wrote to you about three weeks ago, acknowledging your letter to him and to me and asking you to let him know whether you had received the paper (The Maryland News Sheet) which he had ordered sent to you for a month. As if you did and liked it, he wished to return it at the end of that time, but has heard nothing from you so we concluded you had not received his letter, as perhaps he was not as guarded as he might have been. The month for the paper expired on the eleventh, so I thought I would try and see if I could not be more successful.

I was glad to hear that you had received your package safely but did not know when it was sent that you were an officer and had understood that the rules for the men were rigid. We have had several letters from Jimmy recently. He, as well as a number of Mr. M boys who entered the ranks, has been promised and is now a Lt. of Artillery with his friend Col. T. L. Rhett, who has charge of some of the fortifications around Richmond. Randolph McKim is an aide of our Gen. Stuart. The Grogas are of Gen. Essell's body-guard. Mr. Mackall, who is on his cousin Gen. Mackall's staff has just been released with him from Fort Marrero. Of Mr. Hanson Thomas I have not heard for several months, then he was in Richmond for a time. His health not being good, where I am thankful to say he declared himself a soldier of the Cross, as well as of our earthly army. His mother was gratified at your inquiries for him.

When my brothers heard from Mr. Dinwiddie, he had a small school

(1862) at Greenwood. Mr. Iwo D. had entered the army but had left on account of  
Aug. 14 ill health. Mr. Norman D. had died of pneumonia. Let us know about the  
(con't.) paper and whether we can do anything for you.

Sincerely,

I. N. Norris

P. S. I wish for your sakes that the exchange went on more speedily.