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PERSONAL LETTER from Jane Roman Declouet in New Orleans, to her husband, Paul L. Declouet in St. Martinville.

New Orleans, November 1, 1876

Dear Paul,

Yesterday, I received your letter of the 26th and I waited until today to answer as I was afraid of the blow. I was wrong because I will be unable to write at length. I received my sword thrust under chloroform. At 8:30, the two physicians arrived and through their appearance, I guessed what to expect. At nine o'clock, everything was over. I felt nothing and now, at four o'clock in the afternoon, I feel nothing except a little sensitiveness in my poor back. As to the lower abscess, it is almost over. The doctor does not bandage it anymore the new opening is almost an inch long. I suppose there was very little pus but Dr. Souchon prefers to keep it open instead of letting the pus stay there. He does not seem uneasy at all but is glad that I did not leave home.

I regret I did not send your jacket in the Holmes's box. You must need it but I thought it better to exchange it here. I shall attend to your gloves. I had already seen some which I liked but I would not have bought them without your request. However, they are stained.

I gave old Landry the details you sent me about the election and he seemed disappointed that Mr. de l'Homme had not been chosen. I will see you soon and remain

Yours forever,

Jane

6:00 PM - Dear Paul, I am in possession of my dear children. I am crazy with joy but think of you. The children are splendid. A thousand thanks.

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