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PERSONAL LETTER from A. Ferry, to Alexander Declouet in
St. Martinville.

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My dear Declouet,

After useless searches, Mr. Morgain is finding a position at Mr. Lebusque's. But without certain conditions, he cannot take advantage of it.

Here they are: this gentleman is offering him the share he has in the store to be paid within three, four and five years. He would request now only a sum of three thousand dollars to be applied to what he is yielding.

Mr. Morgain having already something, needs only two thousand to find himself right away at the head of a pretty store.

Should your signature joined to mine obtain for him this amount from the Bank we both would have the satisfaction to help a good fellow who in order to succeed only needs a little encouragement from his friends. I advised him to promptly take a step so he could obtain this position, the conditions of which are so advantageous that other people could present themselves in his place.

My uncle Laclaire would have rendered him this service if the firm Desmare's bad business did not bring an obstacle to this desire. Lacking this, I thought we could oblige him without any danger either for you or for myself.

Goodbye, my dear Declouet, if you are not able to do this, I beg you to employ yourself in the best way possible in favor of this gentleman.

Your friend,

A. Ferry

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