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Pétionville Seminary, 25 July 1836

My Dear Friend Toussaint,

I received your affectionate of 5 May from the hands | of my friend Guérin and I would have answered it long |<sup>5</sup> before but could not find an opportunity before this. I feel | really obliged and return a thousand to you and my Dear friend | Madame Toussaint for your kind solicitude about my health | wich thank God still continues excellent and by cared the | climate will always agree with me. I know you will be delighted |<sup>10</sup> to hear that I was ordained Priest on 21 day of last May by the | Rt. Revd. Dr. England in the Church of Port au Prince. I said my | first Mass on Trinity Sunday and you rest assured that | I did not nor can I ever forget my friends whenever I celebrate | the divine mysteries among whom I shall always consider |<sup>15</sup> you & Madame Toussaint as particularly dear to me. I now celebrate Mass every | day in the Church at Petion Ville where I remain at present till | the Bishop returns from Rome. I celebrated one Mass for you | and Madame T. about ten days ago. You may be sure | that I was extremely sorry to hear of this bad health of my Dear Friend |<sup>20</sup> Dr Power but am glad that he is now (I hope) quite recovered, for | he wrote me two kind letters in which hementions his gradual | recovery. I was sorry to hear that the roof of your favorite | Church (St. Peters) had fallen in, thank God that neither | you nor any of the Congregation were in it at the time, |<sup>25</sup> and I hope that the people will come forward with piety & liberality | to build a new and more elegant temple to God in the | same place, and that quickly – I gave your good wishes to Mr | Constantin Boyer and family his son had a slight fever last | week but is getting better his family send |<sup>30</sup> you their best respects | I never saw Mr. Benoit

/f1v/ since I came to Port-au-Prince. I was told that he and his family | left this Country about three weeks ago and returned to live again | in New York, or in some other part of that cursed Land of Slavery N. America | I have sent an "Imitation of Christ" to Madame Toussaint as a |<sup>5</sup> small tribute hopint it may be acceptable to so good a Friend. I | would also send you something as a memorial of my friendship for | you, but as yet I have seen nothing that I think would please you | but I won't forget some little matter for you as soon as I can | meet it. I pray you to make my best respects to all friends in |<sup>10</sup> New York who may enquire about me – I hope you will write to | me every time you have an opportunity, and I won't fail to answer | your letters should I get them. And now my dear friend, sending | you and your kind Lady my best wishes and begging the continuance | of your prayer for me. I beg of God to bless you both, and am |<sup>15</sup>

Sincerely your friend |

Geo. J. Paddington |

P.S.