

Orleans College 25<sup>th</sup> July 1815.

My Dear Grandmother

The 8 miscarriages of the post  
I suppose has been the cause of my receiving no  
news from you for it is three months since I  
have received any I have had a fever but am now &  
totally recovered. I hope that you are well in good  
health as well as all my Dear cousins. The fourth  
of July was celebrated here with unusual pomp  
for this country there was a company of militia  
a church (for there are several) the governor deliv-  
-red a speech in English his aide camp recited in  
french then there was a great deal of music.  
It is said that Mr Martin has gone to the  
attakapas to establish an academy I hope  
that he will succeed we go to bed now at nine o'clock  
as eight o'clock is too early an hour we are forty  
seven boarders and the greatest part of them are  
great devils insolent to the masters as they have  
no other punishment than confining them in  
a cell or bread and water but they do not whine.  
Every wednesday we take a walk in the country  
at 4 o'clock in the morning. there are a great  
number of orange trees and beautiful oranges but  
the boys do not suffer them to grow ripe and  
are every day diminishing their number and they

get warm but we all say adieu dear  
Grandmother your affectionate child

N. P. Trist