

L.S.J.M.J.

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On my return from a trip to Mouscron on urgent business, I am sending the enclosed authorization, recommending you to send it back to me the day after to-morrow. Mme Superior General and Mme Marie-Anne, who are at Mouscron, will come to Ghent to terminate the business. You will remember that you must sign in your civil names, Pélagie Rosalie Verduyn.

The health of Mme Catherine is declining daily, and the new law about mortgages which comes into force on the 10th of this November, has obliged us to take these precautions.

My respects to Mme Superior with my best wishes for the present solemnity. I shall pray for you all, and soon I shall have the pleasure of seeing you.

Your Father in Jesus Christ

C. G. Van Crombrugghe

31st October 1851

I beg Mme Superior to present my respects for the feast day to Mlle Colette and to tell her that the new Dean is my friend and that I consider this appointment a special grace from heaven for Alost.