To Mr G Van Crombrugghe, in Grammont, Dept of the Escaut Mondidier, 22<sup>nd</sup> July 1808

Very dear Father and Mother

I learned with joy about the happy return of my dear Mother and all the family's good health. This is a brief letter to tell you that I received your remittance and passed it to Fr De la Marche. As for the account I found all to be in order.

I have still not had news of my sister. Fr De la Marche, who is in Amiens, will see her and will give me the news. Perhaps she has already written to you, and you know more than I do about her? I hope to give you some details the next time I write to you, as I would know everything in a surer manner than by letter. François is well; he is applying himself and I hope that you will be perfectly satisfied with his report. There, dear Parents, is everything that I have to tell you at present; I reserve for another time what my present occupations do not permit me to tell you now. Farewell.

Your very devoted son

C Van Crombrugghe

PS: Please present my customary respects.

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