To Mr G Van Crombrugghe, in Grammont, Escaut Mondidier, 28th August 1808

Very dear Father and Mother

I am writing to you to tell you that I hope to enjoy your embrace on Friday or next Saturday. The great quantity of work of all sorts that I have had for the past three weeks has prevented me from writing to you, but I intend to compensate for this with everything that I could have told you by letter. Farewell, I must finish; time and tiredness oblige me to take a few hours of rest. I am writing to you behind my bed very late at night, and I have taken the scrap of paper that was in my hands to tell you these few words. We are well, as is Verhaeghe who will travel with us. Please believe me Your very devoted son *C Van Crombrugghe*

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