

16th October 1808

To Mr G Van Crombrugge, Brewer in Grammont, Dept of the Escaut

Very dear Father and Mother

I could have told you last Friday where I was going to stay but there was no time; I needed to go to Mondidier and deal with our trunks. I can tell you with the greatest pleasure that I will stay in Amiens at Fr De Sambucy's. I took this route instead of the one from Paris because of my sister Rosalie and because you seemed to want it. Rosalie is well; she went out with me last Thursday and she was very happy that I was staying near her. I saw with joy that she is still happy, but she is not allowed to work very much and she sometimes gets bored in the infirmary. She did not show any difficulty in returning my watch.

M. Langévin was happy with his mirror. Mr Théophile would love to have one for his office. I told him that we had one that I had thought to bring with me, but that it was unpleasant, and that I left it behind because of its ugliness. He said that I would have given him the greatest pleasure in bringing it for him, that he did not pay attention to beauty, but only to utility. I told him that I would ask you to send it. You would give him, dear Parents, very great pleasure; please send it as soon as possible. You would also please me if you would send me an umbrella, because the house where I will work is quite far from the place where I will live with Mr De Sambucy. I reserve to another time to tell you more. Please give me your blessing and believe me forever, very dear Father and Mother,

Your very devoted son

C Van Crombrugge

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PS: Please give my good wishes to my dear brother and tell me how his business is going; kiss also my dear sisters.

