

23<sup>rd</sup> April 1809

To Mr G Van Crombrugghe in Grammont, Department of the Escaut

Very dear Father and Mother

I received a letter from François in which he told me something that astonished me a lot: it is that he has had an attack of gravel.<sup>1</sup> At Mondidier he never complained about this and therefore food must be the reason for it, butter for example, and cheese; one should act accordingly.

I am sending you the accounts for Charlotte's School. She continuous always to apply herself in an extremely satisfactory manner, may God be praised!

Time does not permit me to write a lot today; I will write to you at greater length after my retreat which is going to begin tomorrow. I ask you to commend me to God so that I may benefit from this time of salvation.

Condescend to remember me to the family and believe me to be very sincerely

Your very devoted and submissive son

*C Van Crombrugghe*

Amiens, 23<sup>rd</sup> April 1809.



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<sup>1</sup> Crystal formations in the urine.