

11<sup>th</sup> June 1810

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

My very dear Father and Mother

The feast of Pentecost gives me the opportunity to demonstrate again my sentiments of respect and gratitude. May the Good Lord grant my wishes and endow you with the precious gifts of the consolatory Spirit! This Spirit of wisdom will give you the illumination that He refuses to the proud and the great of the world so that you can appreciate the things of the Heavens and know the vanity of the things of the earth. He will give you the strength to support with patience the intrinsic pains of man's life and the gift of piety will make you find sweetness and consolation, where the children of the world will only find folly and smallness of mind.

I received through Mr Langevin some letters from my dear sisters in Amiens. They are well and seem to me to be making progress. I do not know if my dear Mother has written to Sister Beaudemont concerning Charlotte's class, as we had agreed. I believe that it would be good to do so. I also know that I could go and fetch Charlotte without it affecting her prizes.

I have nothing special to say; the bearers of this letter will tell you what I have not written. I finish therefore in asking you to give me your blessing and to believe that I will always have the most tender and most respectful sentiments.

Your very devoted and very submissive son

*C Van Crombrughe*

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