

27<sup>th</sup> October 1810

Mr G Van Crombrugghe, Brewer in Grammont

My very dear Father and Mother

From day to day I have been delaying writing to you for some time, in the hope of hearing from you, but I am very surprised to have heard nothing. If I had not been informed indirectly about your health I confess that I would be concerned; however I do not know anything about my cousin Lauwers; how is she? Is she recovered, or is she still sick and is that the reason for your silence? One way or another, I would be very happy to receive an answer to my questions. Please oblige me on this point and I will be ever grateful.

I had asked my dear Father to tell me if the ornaments that Fr Le Blanc saw at Ceutrik's during his stay in Grammont are still for sale and how much they would cost. I have not been able to write to Fr Sellier on this topic as I have not yet had an answer. I beg you therefore to let me know as soon as possible what the situation is regarding these ornaments.

I have been to see the Regent, my Uncle Spitaels; he is well, but I did not get any real details since I did not go alone. I count on visiting again shortly and will let you know what is happening.

I end in asking you to give me your blessing and to present my respects to my Aunts Huleu, De Bakker etc., and also to assure Rosalie, Charlotte, François, cousin Annette etc. of my sincere devotion. I have the honour to call myself, my very dear Father and Mother

Your very humble and very obedient son

C. Van Crombrugghe

Gent, 27<sup>th</sup> October 1810.

I ask you to deliver the enclosed to its address.

