To Mrs Van Crombrugghe, Grammont, Escaut Gent, 6th March 1811

Very dear Mother

I hope that you arrived in Grammont safely and that you found the family in good health. I am sending you Moerlooze's bill, and telling you that it is not necessary to send the amount of the bill which my Uncle the Regent had spoken to you about. It was what he had lost gambling and one does not want anything to do with that. You see how urgent it is that you settle his affairs and put him forever in a safe place!

I think that everybody is well here. I ask you to present my respects to my dear Father, and to all the family. Time doesn't permit me to write at length, so I finish by asking you to believe that I am with the most respectful sentiments

Your very humble and very devoted son

C Van Crombrugghe

PS: I forgot to tell you that it is my brother Jean who made me send back this (one illegible word).

