

4th October 1813

Mr G Van Crombrugghe in Grammont
October 1813

Very dear Father and Mother

Your letter gave me much pleasure. I am annoyed not to be able to tell you the time of my journey: Mr Goethals cannot find the time for an absence of several days and is obliged to make several journeys before the winter and therefore cannot agree to your request, and is forced to put back to next year what he had promised us for this month. As for me, I will delay my journey to Grammont for some time and will take the liberty of writing to you again beforehand, unless I foresee difficulties for the future, in which case I could get to you in a few days. I am over my worries and the problems which followed them. May the Heavens permit us peaceful possession of the Religion of our Fathers. She has never hurt Empires; it is only the parvenus who, in the name of peace and public good, excite unrest, worry consciences and consider those who are not of their opinion to be fanatics and troublers of public order!... Let us be faithful to the Barque of Peter; hell may shake it, but will never overturn or destroy it; this is the promise of its Divine Head. For the rest we will have the pleasure, I hope, of meeting and discussing this important business. In waiting for this precious moment, I have the honour to call myself

Your very devoted and submissive son

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