

Malines, 26th September 1808

At the house of his father, Brewer, in Grammont.

My dear Nephew,

I have just received the enclosed and not having read the address completely I thought it was for me and I opened it. Seeing that it was from Fr Sellier I thought I could read it and I thank Providence that I did because he is recommending a wretch who was unable to cope in the Trappists and was being miserable with the Parish Priest of Melsbroeq. I cannot see that I could find anything for him here if he was not happy there as the Parish Priest of Melsbroek is the best and most charitable man I know. At any rate he will not be able to count on me to improve his situation.

Fr Sellier confounds me by his humility. If it was you who gave him this false idea of me please, for love of the truth which is nothing more than God Himself, correct it. Commend me particularly to his prayers and present him with my compliments.

Greet your dear parents and all the family for me. I am delighted that you will have Fr Sellier.¹ Try to adopt his spirit. Adieu.

I embrace you and am affectionately,

My dear nephew,

Your very humble servant,

JG Juleu

PS Monseigneur leaves tomorrow. I think that his successor will arrive before All Saints.

¹ Fr Sellier was to return to Montdidier as Principal.