

Vienna, 29th Junii, 1768

Now I can no longer delay and, since 4 weeks have already passed since I had a letter from the house of Hagenauer before my eyes, I am forced to enquire as to the reason for such a long silence. [5] What manifold thoughts are passing through our minds! And I hope that there is no adverse event as the cause for this silence. I say it again: we all hope this. But we would quite certainly bear with more composure a tribulation touching only ourselves than a vexatious occurrence affecting you. – – But now out with it! It is all cast in the same mould.³ [10] I would have a heavy load of all kinds of the most carefully thought-out schemes and malicious persecutions to tell you of, but I am too tired to recapitulate such things in my mind, and it will be better to keep it for the personal exchange which will soon take place.

What, then, does old Herr Alterdinger⁴ say? – – Has he undertaken what I asked him to do? [15] – – – I would very much wish it! – – –

We all find ourselves, by the way, in good health, even though a storm of envy is breaking on us from all sides. You know, of course, I hold to my old proverbs: *in te Domine speravi etc.*⁵ *fiat Voluntas tua* etc.⁶ My wife, Wolfgang, Nannerl along with myself all commend ourselves, [20] and we hope to hear something from you soon, otherwise we will come ourselves. Our *compliments* to all good friends, both gentlemen and ladies, and I am yours as always.

Has His Princely Grace of Eichstätt⁷ already arrived? – –

¹ BD: Original lost. Copyist A; NissenB.

² BD: Johann Lorenz Hagenauer (1712-1792), Salzburg merchant. Friend of the Mozarts and their landlord 1747-1773.

³ BD: After so many difficulties in Vienna, Leopold could easily deal with any bad news from the Hagenauers.

⁴ BD: Rochus Alterdinger, Inspector of the Royal wardrobe and palace administrator in Salzburg [hochfürstlicher Garderobe-Inspektor; Residenz-Schloss-Verwalter].

⁵ BD: Cf. Nos. 0121/91, 0132/104.

⁶ = “In you, o Lord, have I hoped etc., Thy will be done etc”.

⁷ “seine Fürst: Gnaden von Eichstätt”. BD: Prince-Bishop Raimund Anton Stras(s)oldo (1718-1781), surely related to the Joseph Friedrich Adam, Count [Graf] Stras(s)oldo (* 1738) mentioned in No. 0895/39-40.