To / Herr Artaria and Company: / in / Vienna

Most Nobly Born, Most Especially Honourable Sir! Salb., 21st March, 1786

The whole business¹ concerning the 21 florins has been cleared up, and the error had its origin in a new accountant etc. [5] I would wish to be of service to you in connection with the <u>Haydn Mass</u>,² but since this has only been performed one single time in our metropolitan church, he has kept it firmly in his possession and intends, as I hear, to change this same Mass with an accompaniment of violins and other instruments. If, despite that, it should become possible to obtain it, [10] which will prove difficult, for I would have to get it secretly, I shall certainly spare no effort on my part to be of service to you. Otherwise I commend myself to your continued goodwill and am,

Most Nobly Born Sir, Your most obedient Mozart mp³

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¹ BD: Nothing known.

² BD: Johann Michael Haydn (1737-1806), brother of Joseph. Employed at court in Salzburg from 1763.

³ mp = *manu propria* = in his own hand.