

Vienna, the 6th *Novembris*, 1762

All you have written has reached me safely.² How great my indebtedness is to you for so much trouble!³ Yet I know your friendship: you are born to perform services pleasing to your fellow man and to show that you are a friend to your friends. [5] From my last letter⁴ you will have seen the kind of danger my Woferl was in, and how anxious I was about him. Praise God! Everything is fine again. Yesterday we paid our good Dr. Bernhard⁵ with a *concert*. He had invited a crowd of good friends and sent a coach to collect us. But on the 4th, the feast of *St. Carolus*, [10] I took Wolfie out walking for the first time, in *St. Carolus'* Church⁶ and Joseph Stadt.⁷ It was one of the most beautiful of days, of which we have had hardly 3 or 4 since we came here. Tell me, has there been such abominable rainy weather in Salzburg the whole time too? – Here it has even snowed as well, and today it is entirely April weather. [15] My wife and I commend ourselves to your dear wife, with thanks for all her various endeavours. She will shortly answer the letter received,⁸ Wolfgangerl expresses most humble thanks to you for most kindly remembering his name-day.⁹ It would of course have been happier for him if on his name-day, although he was certainly slightly better, he had not still been in bed. [20] There were indeed a number of ladies and gentlemen who sent congratulations to us for him and enquired about his health, but there was nothing more than that. The senders were namely Count Ferdinand Harrach,¹⁰ Count Palfi,¹¹ the French Ambassador,¹² Countess von Kinsky,¹³ Baron Pechmann,¹⁴ Baron Kurz,¹⁵ Countess von Paar¹⁶ etc. – [25] If he had not already been at home for almost a fortnight, it would not all have passed off without presents. Enough! Now we must see if the business will get going again after it had been so thoroughly good before. – Now for something else: Is shipmaster Leopold perhaps in Salzburg? – I could buy such a beautiful bureau here, if I could only bring it to Salzburg with a towed barge-train. [30] It would of course not cost much? – You would not believe what beautiful cabinetwork is done here, and not at all expensive, as well as tables, armchairs etc. and the like. I wish a thousand times that I could have the same things in Salzburg. The fox furs are also cheap, for 30 florins one obtains the most beautiful long fur with fox dewlaps, [35] in Salzburg at the moment they want 38, up to 40 florins for the fur alone. I only wish I might have the pleasure of having Frau Hagenauer here for a day to take her to the market, or Dult, which is now on for 4 weeks. She would have great pleasure in

¹ BD: Johann Lorenz Hagenauer (1712-1792), Salzburg merchant. Friend of the Mozarts and their landlord 1747-1773.

² BD: No. 0039a.

³ BD: Hagenauer has obviously attempted to find out more about the post Leopold was hoping for, cf. No. 0038/59 ff.

⁴ BD: No. 0036.

⁵ BD: Cf. No. 0036/20.

⁶ BD: Built by Emperor Charles VI, the father of Maria Theresia, in fulfilment of a vow made during the plague of 1713.

⁷ BD: Josefstadt, a name given to a district of Vienna to recall the coronation of German King Joseph I in 1690.

⁸ BD: No. 0039b.

⁹ BD: 31st October.

¹⁰ BD: Ferdinand Bonaventura, Count [Graf] Harrach (1708-1778). 1747-1750 Governor of Lombardy and subsequently President of the Imperial Court Council [Reichshofratspräsident].

¹¹ BD: Cf. No. 0034/38, 88.

¹² BD: Cf. No. 0035/16.

¹³ BD: Cf. No. 0034/90.

¹⁴ "Baron Pechmann". BD: Probably Ludwig, Baron [Freiherr] von Pechmann (c. 1732-1768), from 1766 Court Counsellor at the Chief Office of Justice [Hofrat der obersten Justizstelle].

¹⁵ "Baron Kurz". BD: Probably Baron Johann von Kurz, Court Counsellor [Hofrat], 1784 Freemason in Vienna.

¹⁶ BD: Cf. No. 0035/25.

seeing all these beautiful things which coax the money out of my purse. Keep well, all of you. [40] I commend myself to all Salzburg and am etc.

Continuing the letter of 6th November, 1762

If you wish to demonstrate exceptional friendship and travel to Laufen,¹⁷ it is high time, for His Excellency Count Spauer¹⁸ usually leaves Salzburg on the 14th November, namely the day after the anniversary of Paris' election day.¹⁹ [45] If we do not have a decision taken now, as a result of the intervention of His Excellency and the urging of the Father Confessor,²⁰ it will never happen. I will then be forced, sooner or later, to change my plan. I already have addresses in Holland and France.²¹ More in person in due time.

[50] Show me love and friendship by making emphatic representations²² to His Excellency Count Spauer. I have written to him and to the esteemed titled Father Confessor. I have done the same to His Excellency the Royal High Steward²³ regarding permission to stay in Vienna until Advent. I forgot to mention to H. Exc. the Royal High Steward that His Person²⁴ should turn to you in case it is necessary to let me know of any Princely Reply.²⁵ [55] If you have any kind of opportunity, for example after the 10 o'clock Mass in the cathedral, you may address His Excellency forthrightly. Or if you wanted to call on him yourself, you would do even better. You should also feel free to raise the matter of the position as Deputy Music Director,²⁶ for he is well-inclined towards me in every way. [60] Can you imagine how advantageous it would be for me if I got the position while I am still here? – –

At my arrival here I was regarded everywhere as the Salzburg Music Director, and the Emperor²⁷ himself, as he wanted to take me in to hear the *Infanta*²⁸ on the violin, came out and called out: Where is the [65] Salzburg Music Director?

I deliberately did not include this in the last letter: people might have thought it was a fabrication. Almost daily, occasions of this kind arise where I sometimes have to contradict what is said, for far be it from me to lie and spread rumours. Now you understand. [70] I commend myself to your friendship.

¹⁷ BD: Laufen, a small town 20 km north-west of Salzburg. The Archbishop's autumn residence.

¹⁸ "H: graf Spauer Exc.". BD: Ignaz Joseph, Count [Graf] Spaur (1727-1779), cathedral canon in Salzburg from 1755 to 1776, from 1778 to 1779 Bishop of Brixen/Bressanone.

¹⁹ BD: Commemorating the election of Paris, Count Lodron, Archbishop of Salzburg 1586-1653.

²⁰ BD: Mayr, cf. No. 0035/40.

²¹ BD: The first suggestions of the grand journey 1763-1766. Holland: cf. No. 0103/3-4, 6.

²² BD: Leopold was hoping to enlist the help of Spaur and Mayr in his efforts to obtain the post described in No. 0036/60-61.

²³ "S.^r Exc: H: obristhofmeister". BD: Salzburg Royal High Steward [Obersthofmeister] Franz Lactanz, Count [Graf] Firmian (1712-1786). member of a very extensive and influential Tyrolean family (cf. BD V, p. 8).

²⁴ "Hochderselbe".

²⁵ "Fürstliche Rückantwort".

²⁶ "vicecapellmeister".

²⁷ BD: Cf. No. 0034/82.

²⁸ BD: Cf. No. 0034/83.