

Rome, 4th *Julii*, 1770

I have nothing to write to you about, except that my leg, praise God, is fine.¹ On the other hand, I have a little rheumatism in the left shoulder. We will, at the latest, travel in 8 or 10 days to *Bologna* over *Loreto*.² Just a moment ago, [5] one of *Cardinal Pallavicini*'s³ servants was here to say we should come to His Eminence tomorrow at midday, and on Friday we dine with His Excellency the Tuscan Ambassador, esteemed *Baron Saint-Odile*.⁴ Tomorrow we are to hear news which, if it is true, will leave you astonished. It is said, indeed, that *Cardinal Pallavicini* has received a command from the Pope to present Wolfgang with a Cross of the Order and a diploma.⁵ [10] I am not yet saying much about it. Is it true? – I will therefore write to you on the coming Saturday. The last time we were at the *Cardinal's* home, he said "*Sig^{re} Cavaliere*"⁶ several times to Wolfgang. We thought it was just a joke. Now I hear that it is true, and that that is the reason why we are invited tomorrow. Today we dined at *Sgr. Crivelli's*,⁷ who treated us wonderfully. He asks us to pass on his compliments. [15] Give my compliments to the esteemed *Canon de Chiusolis*,⁸ he had also passed on his compliments to me via Herr *Crivelli*. *Addio*. Keep well. I must hurry, for the post is leaving. Wolfgang cannot write, he is writing to *Bologna*, to the son of Field Marshal *Pallavicini*.⁹ We kiss you 1000 times.

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Wolfgang has grown visibly in Naples.

¹ Cf. The problems mentioned for the first time in No. 0194/38 ff.

² BD: A plan already mentioned in No. 0165/27. Loreto, a pilgrimage destination in the province of Ancona, supposedly containing the house in which Jesus was brought up, brought to Loreto by an angel.

³ BD: Lazaro Opizio Pallavicini (1719-1785), Cardinal/Secretary of State. The Mozarts had been recommended to him by Count Gian Luca Pallavicini, a distant relative.

⁴ "S^r: Ex: dem Toscanischen gesandten H: B: Saint Odile". BD: Listed in No. 0183/11.

⁵ BD: More in No. 0197/2.

⁶ = "Sir Knight".

⁷ BD: Cf. No. 0194/49. Giuseppe Dionysio Crivelli, clergyman, Rome agent of the Prince-Archbishop of Salzburg.

⁸ BD: Probably Dominicus Chiusole de Clusulis († 1775), Doctor of theology and law, Consistory Councillor [Konsistorialrat] in Salzburg from 1742.

⁹ BD: Conte [Count] Maria Giuseppe Pallavicini, son of field marshal Conte Gian Luca Pallavicini-Centurioni (cf. No. 0171/6, 8, 12).