

0481.¹ LEOPOLD MOZART TO PRINCE-ARCHBISHOP HIERONYMUS,² COUNT VON COLLOREDO,
SALZBURG

[Salzburg, August, 1778]

Your High Princely Grace!
Most Worthy Prince of the Holy Roman Empire!
Most Gracious Governor and Supreme Lord!³

[5] I cast myself down most submissively at the feet of Your High Princely Grace, and whereas the Music Director has passed over into eternity, and this *Lolli*⁴ had no other salary than that of Deputy Music Director, and whereas Your High Princely Grace is also most graciously aware that I have already served this High Archdiocese for 38 years⁵ and since the year 1763 as Deputy Music Director, in these 15 years have performed, and still perform, most and almost all of the duties irreproachably: I thus commend myself most humbly to Your High Princely Grace and remain until death, in deepest abasement,
Your High Princely Grace's,
My Most Gracious Governor's
and Supreme Lord's

[15]

most submissive and most obedient
Leopold Mozart

HEADING:

To
His High Princely Grace
Archbishop of Salzburg etc.
[20] The most submissive, most obedient petition
of Leopold Mozart, Deputy Music Director
for solicited
Highest Grace.

¹ BD: This is the petition mentioned in No. 0478/149-150, presented following the death of Lolli (see below). The possible dates for this letter are therefore 11th – 27th August, 1778. The corresponding administrative instruction was issued on 30th August.

² BD: Hieronymus Joseph Franz de Paula, Count [Graf] Colloredo (1732-1812), Prince-Archbishop [Fürst-Erzbischof] of Salzburg from 1772. Employer of Leopold and, for a time, of Wolfgang. Cf. No. 0263/9. At one point he dismissed both Leopold and Wolfgang, although Leopold was later reinstated. Cf. No. 0328.

³ Ihro Hochfürstlich Gnaden! / Hochwürdigster des Heil: Röm: Reichs Fürst! / Gnädister LandsFürst und Herr Herr!

⁴ BD: Giuseppe Francesco Lolli (1701-1778), from Bologna, initially employed as a tenor, mentioned as such in the *Salzburger Hofkalender* of 1741. 1752-1763 deputy music director in Salzburg; from 1763 music director. Composed some oratorios, masses and vesper psalms as well as music for a stage play.

⁵ BD: Leopold is counting the three years spent in the service of the president of the Salzburg consistory, Johann Baptist Thurn-Valsassina und Taxis.