

0118.¹ LEOPOLD MOZART TO LORENZ HAGENAUER,² SALZBURG

Vienna, 7th *October*, 1767

I informed you that Her Royal Highness the Betrothed Princess³ was very poorly on Saturday evening, and yesterday smallpox broke out. It is easy to imagine what kind of confusion this is causing. [5] The journey to Naples will now certainly be put off until the beginning of the coming year. Although the smallpox is of a benign kind, we have to wait to see what else God has ordained. You will also easily see that this is something of a blow to our plans.⁴ The letter⁵ reached me safely. We are all well, praise God, although everybody is exceptionally afraid concerning smallpox here. [10] God can uphold everything, we commend ourselves to the prayers of our friends, and I am yours as ever.⁶

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 "S:^c Königliche Hoheit der Pinzessin Braut". BD: Archduchess [Erzherzogin] Maria Josepha (1751-1767), cf. No. 0116/1.

⁴ BD: Cf. Nos. 0116/1; 0121/13-15.

⁵ BD: No. 0117a (lost).

⁶ BD: This letter is known only as a copy. Signature missing.