

Ala, 8th December, [1771]

We arrived safely here from *Verona*¹ at the *Piccinis*² today at 4 o'clock in the afternoon, and will stay here overnight and then go on tomorrow. But tomorrow we will stay in Trent, as I have some *commissions* from Milan to deliver there. [5] By all appearances, we will be travelling towards Salzburg as you read this and arrive in the evening, if we do not come earlier. As soon as you receive this, open the little room so that it is not extremely cold, but *temperate*, for Wolfgang will not sleep in the back room, but in future in the little room,³ and leave the door open so that it remains temperate. [10] I will give an answer in person to what you asked me in one of the 4 letters⁴ of yours I found in *Verona*. The matter⁵ is not without substance – that much I can say. Keep well, we kiss you both many 1 000 000 times, and I am as always your
Mzt mp.⁶

¹ BD: The Mozarts had probably left Milan on 5th December, 1771, passing via Brescia. They visited their friend Lugiati in Verona, where letters from Frau Mozart were waiting for him. The remaining stages were Ala –Trent – Brixen/Bressanone – Innsbruck – Salzburg, where they arrived on 15th December, 1771 (cf. No. 0263/16).

² BD: Pizzini. Two cultured, hospitable brothers in Ala. Gian Giulio Pizzini (1719-1779), “barone” from 1754.

³ BD: Small interior room in the Mozart's apartment, cf. No. 0090/37.

⁴ BD: No. 0258a, lost.

⁵ BD: The exact nature of the matter is unknown.

⁶ mp = manu propria = in his own hand.