0522. MOZART[1] TO PRINCE-ARCHBISHOP HIERONYMUS, COUNT VON COLLOREDO,[2] SALZBURG

To / His High Princely Grace[3] / Archbishop in Salzburg etc. etc. /
The most submissive and most obedient petition / of Wolfgang Amade Mozart /
for a most gracious / installation by Decree

[Salzburg, January, 1779]

[5] Your High Princely Grace!
Most Worthy Prince of the
Holy Roman Empire!
Most Gracious Governor and
Sovereign Lord![4]

[10] Your High Princely Grace etc. had the Most Sublime Graciousness, after the decease of Cajetan Adlgasser[5] in the service of Your Most Elevated Person,[6] most graciously to accept me: in accordance with which I most submissively request you to install me by decree. To which purpose, as to all other Most Sublime Kindnesses and Favours, I commend myself in the deepest submissiveness to

[15]
Your High Princely Grace,
my Most Gracious Governor,
and Sovereign Lord,

your most
submissive and
most obedient Wolfgang
[20] Amade Mozart.[7]

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[1] The petition is entirely in Leopold Mozart's hand.
[2] "Fürsterzbischof Hieronymus Graf von Colloredo". BD: Hieronymus Joseph Franz de Paula, Count [Graf] Colloredo (1732-1812), Prince-Archbishop [Fürst-Erzbischof] of Salzburg from 1772. Employer of Leopold and, for two periods, of Wolfgang. Cf. No. 0263/9. At one point he dismissed both Leopold and Wolfgang, although Leopold was later reinstated. Cf. No. 0328.
[3] "S:e Hochfürstlich Gnaden".
[4] "Ihro Hochfürstlich Gnaden! / Hochwürdigster des Heil: Röm: Reichs / Fürst! / Gnädigster LandesFürst und / Herr Herr!"
[5] BD: Anton Cajetan Adlgasser (1729-1777), pupil of Eberlin. Salzburg court organist and composer. He married three times; Leopold was a witness at two of the weddings. Cf. No. 0041/17. He died on 22nd December, 1777. His last hours are described in No. 0395/20 ff. He left 3 children: Viktoria (* 1753), Joseph (* 1761), and Anna (* 1766).
[6] "Höchstdero Dienste".
[7] BD: A positive reply is noted on the same sheet: employment as court organist for 450 guldens [florins] per year.