

0902.¹ MOZART TO FRANZ ANTON HOFFMEISTER,² VIENNA

*À / Monsieur / Monsieur franç: Ant: / de Hoffmeister / Chez Lui.*³

My dearest Hofmeister! –

[Vienna, 20th November, 1785]

I seek refuge with you and I request you to come to my assistance with simply a little money in the meantime, since I need it most urgently at this moment. [5] – then I would ask you to make every effort to carry out that certain matter for me as soon as possible. –

Forgive me for constantly troubling you, but since you know me and know how important it is to me that your business should go well, I am perfectly convinced you will not take umbrage at my importunity, [10] but rather will be glad to be as helpful to me as I am to you.

20th Nov., 1785.

Mzt mp⁴

¹ BD: Cf. note on No. 0872/7. This letter is probably a request for an advance on the fee for the piano quartet KV 478. Mozart thus appears not to have the 2000 florins in the bank which his father had suspected in his letter of March that year, although the Leopold did add the caveat “if he has no debts to pay” (cf. No. 0852).

² BD: Franz Anton Hoffmeister (1754-1812), composer and publisher in Vienna, Mozart’s main publisher during his lifetime.

³ = “To Monsieur François Antoine de Hoffmeister. At his own house.”

⁴ mp = *manu propria* = in his own hand.