

1383.¹ CONSTANZE NISSEN TO HER SON CARL THOMAS,² MILAN

EXCERPT:

[Vienna, 21st September, 1809]

... In the chest or box which I am sending you, you will find various additional items which will bring you joy, including your father's personal album³ and, I believe, mine too . . .

¹ BD: Constanze began the letter in Bratislava (Pressburg) on 29th July and continued it in Vienna on 21st September, 1809. She had married Georg Nissen in Bratislava on 26th June, 1809, and returned to Vienna with him on 13th August, 1809. Before moving to Copenhagen, she sent her son a chest with "all my music" and "all the Bach and Handel fugues".

² BD: Mozart's second child, Carl Thomas, was born on 21st September, 1784. He was the longest-lived member of the family, dying in Milan on 31st October, 1858. Grammar school in Vienna; mercantile employment in Livorno approx. 1800-1805, after which he moved to Milan. Started musical studies, but ultimately kept music as a hobby and became a civil servant.

³ BD: It is not clear which of many such albums (cf. No. 1248/33) is intended. Probably the one including the entry by Barisani on 14th April, 1787; cf. No. 1473a.