

1384. GEORGE NIKOLAUS NISSEN TO CARL THOMAS,<sup>1</sup> MILAN

EXCERPT:

Vienna, on the 11<sup>th</sup> Oct., 1809

. . . Two days ago, Don Juan<sup>2</sup> was performed in German in the theatre at Schönbrunn Palace in the presence of his Majesty the French Emperor<sup>3</sup> . . .

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<sup>1</sup> BD: Mozart's second child, Carl Thomas, was born on 21<sup>st</sup> September, 1784. He was the longest-lived member of the family, dying in Milan on 31<sup>st</sup> 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.

<sup>2</sup> = *Don Giovanni*.

<sup>3</sup> BD: The "French Emperor" was Napoleon Bonaparte I, who had occupied Vienna for the second time on 13<sup>th</sup> May, 1809. Three days after Nissen had sent off this letter, the Treaty of Schönbrunn was agreed.