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My dear Sir

Vienna 1. Oct^r 1816

I have duly received the 5 £, and thought previously you would not increase the number of englishmen neglecting their word and honor, as I had the misfortune of meeting with two of this sort. — In reply to the other topics of your favor, I have no objection to write Variations according to your plan, and I hope you will not find 30 £, too much. The accompaniment will be a flute or Violin, or a Violoncello; you'll either decide it when you send me the approbation of the price, or you'll leave it to me. I expect to receive the songs or poetry — the sooner the better, and you'll favor me also with the probable number of works of Variations you are inclined to receive of me.

The Sonata in G. with the accompan^t of a Violin is dedicated to His Imperial Highness Archduke Rudolph^{of Austria} — it is Op^a. 96. The Trio in B flat is dedic^d to the same and is Op. 97. The Piano Arrangement of the Symphony in A is dedicated to the Empress of the Russias — meaning the wife of the Emp^r Alexander. — Op. 98.

Concerning the expenses of copying and packing it is not possible to fix them before hand, they are at any rate not considerable, and you'll please to consider that you have to deal with a man of honor, who will not charge

one C. more than he is charged for himself. Messrs
Fries & Co. will account with Messrs Coatts & Co. —
The postage may be lessened as I have been told.

I offer you of my works the following new ones:
A grand Sonata for the Piano forte alone 40 £
A Trio for the Piano with accompaniment of Violin & Violoncello
for 50 £
It is possible that somebody will offer you other works
of mine to purchase for ex. the score of the grand
Symphony in A. — With regard to the arrangement
of this symphony for the Piano, I beg you not to forget
that you are not to publish it until I have appointed
the day of its publication here in Vienna. This cannot
be otherwise without making myself guilty of a dishonor-
able act — but the Sonata with the Violin and the Trio
in B fl. may be published without any delay.

With all the new works, which you will have of
me or which I offer you, it rests with you to
name the day of their publication at your own choice.

I entreat you to honor me as soon as possible
with an answer having many orders for compositions

and that yours may not be delayed.

My address or direction is:

Monsieur Louis van Beethoven

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You may send your letter, if you please, direct
to your

to your

most humble servant

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