

Most honoured Sir

I was not a little surpris'd, and astonish'd at the reading of your letter, which had been written in the finest german style, what ever I read in my life. I knew before, your honour was extremely well acquainted with the german tongue, but I never thought that the word, man of honour, were so familiar to your honour, as I see it does. I am sure, and wholly persuaded by your fine, civil, polite, and nice style of writing that in short time your honour will be look'd upon as the greatest author of this century in Germany. For my part, I dare assure your honour that I have read more than twenty times your letter, which pleased me so much that I shall ever keep it for a shew.

The Book you lent me, I gave it to an acquaintance of mine, to deliver it to your honour by the first opportunity he had. Upon that account I wrote to you & soon

as i arrived to Gratz, as i heard from your
honour's letter, you have not receiv'd mine, which
i am sorry for. that i did not deliver the Book
myself as my duty requir'd, it is because
i had been obliged to depart of a sudden
that i had not been able to take leave from
my best friends: you shall have your Book again
without any fear that it shall cost you the
least thing, it is not useful to me, since i have
it no more in my hands, and should my
friend have lost it, i would rather buy ~~all~~
the works of marmontel, than to suffer your
honour should have the least trouble about
it. my wife thanks your honour, for the
compliment you sent her. i am

Gratz 12^{ve} 86 1777 Joseph Dorizio

Gratz den 12^{ten} 86 1777.
Joh. Dorizio.

