

LETTERS OF ERASMUS

[1515]

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sextatoribus, quibus nihil cum synceroribus litteris commune est.  
Nam et historias explicui et cetera quedam scholia (ita tu nominas)  
adieci. Quaterniones duos mitto; nec enim extrema manus imposita  
est, licet in calce modica restent, per hos natales dies absoluenda.  
<sup>15</sup> Iuditium tuum peto, et quidem acre et tale quod iuditii frontem  
referat. Si ex ponte deieceris, iam vel nullo meo suffragio iuuabuntur.  
Susque deque fero, vrna excidant an gradus teneant; quando tuum,  
viri sicut omnium doctorum principis ita plane iusti, iuditium prae  
Hamonis erit oraculo. Laborabis autem (si modo labor, et non verius  
<sup>20</sup> occupatio sit) non frustra. Cuicuimodi enim iste mee nuge sint, tuam  
istec et male tornata scribenti parce; premunt enim vel in hoc ip-  
sissimo Dominico die negotia forensia eo pondere vt spirandi vix  
sit vsus. Vale, Germanie lumen et decus.

<sup>25</sup> Ex Friburgo xvii K. Ian. Anno &c. xv.

Tuus Vdalricus Zasius II. doct.

Bonifacius noster totus alba linea tibi sesse commendat; cui vel  
perficta fronte scribere non audet, quando spectatore tuo semper  
maior obstes. Tuus tamen est ita vt est studiorum legalium;  
<sup>30</sup> vt rororumque enim totus est quotus spirat.

377. TO PETER CARAFFA.

Basle.

Farrago p. 182.

F. p. 321: HN: Lond. vii. 12: LB. App. 16.

23 December (1515).

[1515, because the New Testament (Ep. 384) is nearly finished.]

R. P. D. PETRO CARAFFA, EPISCOPO THEATINO, NVNCIO APOSTOLICO  
APVD ANGLOS, ERASMVVS ROTEROD. S. D.

REVERENDISSIME Pater, sensi, sensi, sed sero sensi errorem meum  
de munere tuo. Admonueram vt non solum faueres sed etiam adiu-  
tares. At quod ego de literis ac doctrina sentiebam, tu de pecunia  
putabas dictum. Dici non potest quoties me postea puduerit facti.  
<sup>5</sup> Nouum Testamentum iam propemodum absolutum est, et quidem  
satis feliciter, nisi quod ego laboribus enecor. Adest qui in Hebraicis  
nonnihil succurrat. Operis summa succrescit ad octoginta ferme ter-

376. 15. a: iudicii β: iudicis LB. 16. vel nullo a: nullo vel β. 17. grad<sup>9</sup>  
a: gradum β. 18. doctorum om. β. 19. Hamonis aβ: Ammonis LB.  
veri<sup>9</sup> a LB: verior β. 26. Tuus ... doct. add. β. 27. Bonifacius ...  
30. spirat om. β (28. spectatore scripti: speculare MS. Cf. Ep. 303. 2).  
377. 1. Reuerende F. 2. adiuuares F, cf. Ep. 379. 4 n.

377. 6. in Hebraicis] Oecolam-  
padius; cf. Ep. 373. 72 seq.

7. octoginta] There are 81 sheets  
altogether in the *Nouum Instrumentum*.

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quoque memini.  
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Farrago p. 235.  
F. p. 361: HN  
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TO PETER CARAFFA

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niones. Certum est Leoni decimo dicare. Epistolam ad illum  
scriptam opinor te vidisse—iam enim typis excusa est; in qua tui  
quoque memini. Hieronymus gnauiter procedit, sed opus immensum. 10  
Bene vale. Basileae. decimo Calen. Ianuar. [M.D.XIIII.]

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378<sub>389</sub> TO ANDREW AMMONIUS.

Farrago p. 235.  
F. p. 361: HN: Lond. viii. 46 (45): LB. App. 224.

Basle.

23 December (1515).  
[1515, because the New Testament is nearly finished. From the movements  
of Galeazzo (l. 1) and Pace (l. 7) at this time, as detailed in Brewer ii, it may  
be doubted whether they actually came to Basle, as stated in this letter. More  
probably Erasmus composed this and Ep. 377 in readiness for their coming,  
announced beforehand; writing in terms as though they had already arrived.]

ERASMVS AMMONIO SVO S. D.

GALEATIVS hic qui isthuc Mediolanensium nomine orator aduolat  
et has adfert, intra mensem hac redire cogitur. Nos hic ad Calendas  
Martias sedebimus; per hunc, queso te, scribe, si quid est quod me  
scire oporteat. Eboracensis bello somnio me bearat de praebenda  
Tornacensi; magis dolet ludibrium quam dispendium. Nouum 5  
Testamentum ferme iam est absolutum. Surget ad octoginta ferme  
codicillos. Leoni dicabitur. Cum Paceo qui hic agit, literis tantum  
sum collocutus. Bene vale ac scribe.

Basileae. Decimo Calen. Ianua. [AN. M.D.XVII.]

379. To ULRICH ZASIUS.

Basle MS. D. IV. 16. 106 (a).

⟨Basle.⟩

E. p. 385: F. p. 470: HN: Lond. xii. 4: LB. 162. ⟨December 1515?⟩

[An autograph, written very hastily and folded up wet, so that the last line  
has blotted across. Erasmus not infrequently wrote rough drafts of his letters  
(cf. Ep. 534. 66, 7); and though most of them were doubtless copied fair by his  
secretaries (cf. Ep. 388. 181, 2), some he wrote out again himself. In this  
case his haste caused him to omit a passage (see ll. 13, 4), probably through  
a familiar form of error. The editors of E dealt with the truncated sentence  
drastically; and their necessity there encouraged them to treat the text of the  
whole letter with remarkable freedom. It is clear that they had in their hands,  
not Erasmus' rough draft, which would have contained the missing clause,  
but this original or a copy made from it after receipt. Very probably the auto-

377. II. M.D.XIIII. add. H.

377. 8. Epistolam] Ep. 335, printed in  
A. The reference to Caraffa, ll. 248 seq.,  
is added in the printed version.

378. I. Galeatus] Galeazzo Visconti  
(born c. 1456), a Milanese noble, who  
had led the resistance to the French  
on behalf of Max. Sforza before Mari-  
gnano. He had at this time great  
influence with the Swiss, and was also  
acting as confidential agent for Henry

VIII. By 1521 he had gone over to  
the French interest, and was en-  
deavouring to recover Milan for them  
from the Spaniards. Alciati's edition  
of Tacitus, Basle, Froben, Aug. 1519, is  
dedicated to him.

See Brewer, where the last mention  
of him is in 1526; and Rawdon Brown,  
*Despatches of Sebastian Giustinian*.

4. praebenda] Cf. Ep. 360. 15 n.