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### VERDI GIUSEPPE

Autograph letter signed, to the jurist and education minister, Emanuele Gianturco, [about Domenico Cimarosa], 14 July 1899

expressing his admiration for one of the most prolific of late eighteenth-century Italian composers, applauding the celebrations taking place to commemorate his centenary in Naples, and expressing his regrets that he cannot attend, explaining that he finds all engagements exhausting, particularly those pertaining to music ("...Ammiratore di uno dei più fecondi e sinceri Compositori Italiani della fine del secolo passato, appludo alle feste che si faranno in onor suo a Napoli, dolente di non poter prendervi parte...")

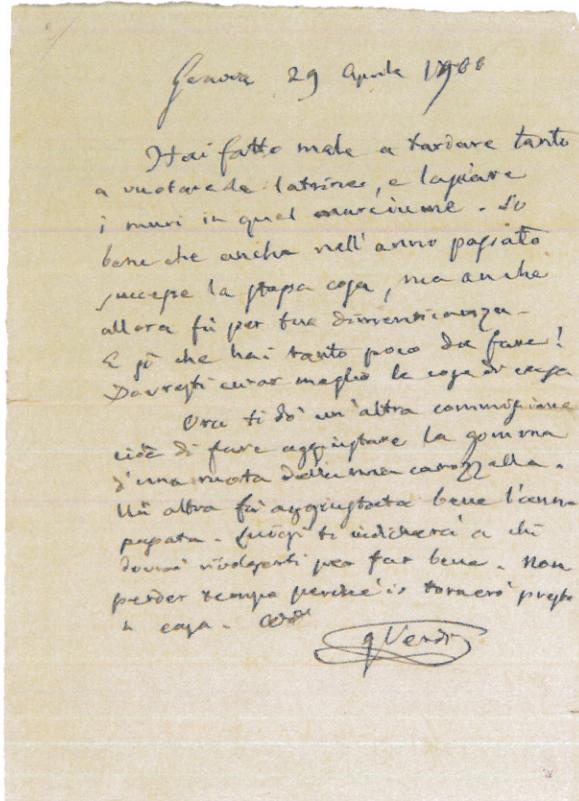
1 page, 8vo, autograph envelope, stamped and postmarked, Montecatini Terme, 14 July 1899.

Verdi does not name the composer to be celebrated at Naples, but it was Domenico Cimarosa, the composer of *Il matrimonio segreto* (1792). In a letter to Arrigo Boito in 1887, Verdi included Cimarosa among the canon of composers studied in Italian conservatories. Cimarosa died on 11 January 1801 and, in the event, Verdi survived the date of his centenary by sixteen days.

### REFERENCES

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Autograph letter signed, to an unidentified agent or tenant on his estate, 29 April 1900

criticizing his laziness and forgetfulness in delaying washing out the latrines and for leaving the walls in such a condition, pointing out that the same had happened the previous year and that he had little else to do with his time; he orders him to repair one of the tyres on his small carriage, which was fixed properly last year, telling him to ask Luigi whom to contact, in order to accomplish this satisfactorily ("...Hai fatto male a tardare tanto a vuotare le latrine, e lasciare i muri in quel marciume. So bene che anche nell'anno passato successe la stessa cosa...ora ti dò un'altra commissione cioè di fare aggiustare la gomma d'una ruota della mia car[r]ozzella...")

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