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Volume II

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From the collection of Dr. Ludwig Nohl.

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# Chapter 2

## Life's Mission: 1815-1822

### 2.216 To Steiner and Co.

The Adjutant's innocence is admitted, and there is an end of it!

We beg you to be so good as to send us two copies in score of the Symphony in A. We likewise wish to know when we may expect a copy of the Sonata for Baroness von Ertmann, as she leaves this, most probably, the day after to-morrow.

No. 3 – I mean the enclosed note – is from a musical friend in Silesia, not a rich man, for whom I have frequently had my scores written out. He wishes to have these works of Mozart in his library; as my servant, however, has the good fortune, by the grace of God, to be one of the greatest blockheads in the world (which is saying a good deal), I cannot make use of him for this purpose. Be so kind therefore as to send to Herr – (for the *Generalissimus* can have no dealings with a petty tradesman), and desire him to *write down the price of each work* and send it to me with my two scores in A, and also and answer to my injunction about Ertmann, as early to-day as you can (*presto, prestissimo!*) – *nota bene*, the *finale* to be *a march in double-quick time*. I recommend the best execution of these orders, so that no further obstacle may intervene to my recovery.

L. VAN BEETHOVEN,  
The best *generalissimus* for the good,  
But the devil himself for the bad!

## 2.217 To Steiner

The Lieutenant-General is requested to send his *Diabolum*, that I may tell him myself my opinion of the “Battle,” which is *printed in the vilest manner*. There is much to be altered.

THE G—S.

## 2.218 To Tobias Haslinger

MY GOOD ADJUTANT,—

Best of all little fellows! Do see again about that house, and get it for me. I am very anxious also to procure *the treatise on education*. It is of some importance to me to be able to compare my own opinions on this subject with those of others, and thus further improve them. As for our juvenile Adjutant, I think I shall soon have hit on the right system for his education. Your

CONTRA FA,  
*Manu propria.*