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Dear Brother!

Finally after difficult days I arrived at home on the 17th, the evening I left Cologne. A few days it was bad weather and then it turned better.

I was afraid to go into the city because I had learned in Kempfer that Crystal had shortly before a baptism. And now I went there [home]. Mother was alone at home. She was astounded but she was happy that I had come.

Then Crystal came. She was hoarse and couldn't talk since her last childbirth. After I had rested I went into the situation of the other relations.

Mother's wish to go to America is greater than sister's. You should hurry home to help [support] your mother. I can't get away as yet. The situation has changed and they have sold the house. But they [new owners] have not yet taken possession.

At the same time your acre can be sold, but if your debts do not permit this, see if you can accomplish it through the court.

For your acre not more than 40 thaler have been offered. Give me your power of attorney ["uber alles"] over everything. If at all possible come to mother. I send you four or five thaler to come but if you don't come by reason of having power of attorney, I am going to take 4 thaler from you.

I don't know how it goes with mother but I may remain for 10-12 days because of Crystal's health. I am going to Leipzig to purchase some items. Bring my song book. I must remain for the time being in Leipzig. Crystal has paid for a place [fare?] on the train.

You may have to suffer some loss because of money exchange rates.

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