

Letter 87a
Dordrecht, 8 March 1877

Dear Uncle,

When Pa was here the other day, he told me that you had asked him if Theo and I could come to see you someday. I am most anxious to see you and Aunt and talk with you both, and should therefore like to ask you whether it is convenient if Theo and I should take the first train from The Hague next Sunday and spend the afternoon or evening with you. Theo will have to go on a trip soon, and if we do not come now, it may not be possible for a long time.

It was a glorious day when Pa was here recently; we took a walk together, and also went to the museum to see the pictures by Scheffer.

All is well with me; at the beginning of the year there is a lot of work, so that I have to stay until twelve or one o'clock at night.

I like being in Holland again, although the work across the Channel, notwithstanding all the trouble and profound disappointment, was dear to me. It is still – because of the disappointment and relative failure this time, I am deeply attached to it.

It is nice that Anna was able to find a situation so promptly too; I hope she will do well. If you agree to Theo and me coming next Sunday, kindly drop one of us a postcard; with kindest regards to you and Aunt, believe me in the meantime

Your affectionate nephew, Vincent

I should have written you about this sooner, but Pa did not ask me to go next Sunday until yesterday.