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Dear Sir,

Yours of the 18th arrived during my absence in Paris, and I only saw it on my return two days ago, which must be my excuse for not replying sooner. I was certainly under the impression that it was quite optional whether you played or conducted at the Philharmonic concert on Nov. 14th, and I, therefore, accepted the engagement for you to play only, in accordance with the Committee's wish. I have now seen Mr. Berger, and have told him that you say it is quite impossible to play for them, and that if they are not satisfied to accept your services

as conductor only, as they first proposed to you, I must ask them to release you from the engagement. This they are very reluctant to do, as they have announced your name, and in addition, to say that you will play at their concert, and they beg, therefore, that you will reconsider the matter, and try if possible to meet them by playing your concerto, and also two small pieces, as suggested in my former letter. To have to cancel the engagement now would be a serious matter and loss to me, but, of course, if you cannot play for them I will do my best to induce them to agree to your appearing as conductor only, I should, however, take it as a personal favor if you possibly could see your way to comply with their wishes. Awaiting a line

from you in reply, believe me,
Yours very truly.

A. Vert

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