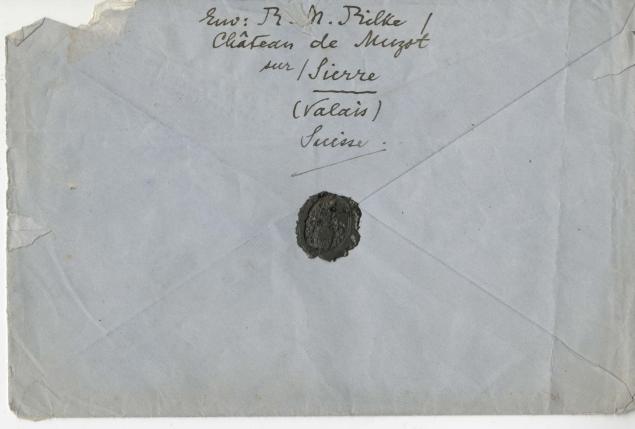
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In großnur frankuspiel:

Rainer Maria Pillse

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Château de Shuzot sur/Gierre (Valais) Suisse

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Chateau de Muzot sur/Sierre (Valais) Suisse

Dear Madam,

Occurances of an external nature unfortunately prevented me from replying sooner to your very interesting letter of 9 August. Permit me now to state briefly my reaction to your submitted inquiry.

The contents of your letter, naturally, aroused impatience in me to see the Indian poems by Professor Sri Ananda Acharya which you translated; nothing would please me more than some day to come across this work which you call significant.

However, there is some doubt in me whether I would be suited to preface the translation which you are preparing; indeed, I do not merely doubt this fact but at once confess my inability to cope with an enterprise of such kind. -The reasons: I am exceedingly slow perceiving and assimilating, and I cannot picture myself writing an introduction to a work which I barely know. Only on the strength of a long-standing familiarity with such a work could I - as I know myself - agree to the writing of an introduction. In this case I am also bound to consider that I am almost ignorant of Indian literature. The introducer of those poems, however, would not only be compelled to point out the place which they would be justified to occupy within the European consciousness, he would also be forced to give some indication of the prerequisities and environmental circumstances within the Indian thought out of which they were born. Consequently, demandments would surpass my experience and capability. And so I am regretfully obliged (not without gratitude for your kindly voiced proposition) to renounce the task, as even the slightest attempt of its mastery must be doomed to failure. What remains to be done is to hope for your success in finding a suitable person (perhaps right in Sweden: Ernst Norlind?) and that you may be permitted to lead the undertaking, so lovingly and enthusiastically commenced, on to a beautiful finale and effectiveness.

Most sincerely,

signed Rainer Maria Rilke.

P.S. Appendix enclosed herewith.