

Euler to Wettstein
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Letter 259 (2760)

[...] Your letter of 22 April has relieved me of a great worry, which had to do with you and now I am absolutely pleased now that I see that my wishes have been fulfilled and that your silence was not the cause of some unfortunate misunderstanding. Therefore I repeat all my most ardent wishes that God should shower you with his blessings.

His Excellency Count Kayserling has instructed me to tell you that he is infinitely in your debt for the trials that you have given yourself to satisfy his requests and he request that you also give his thanks to Dr. Mortimer concerning this matter. However in case that there are only a few maps which are missing from those that you are expecting from elsewhere, the Count requests that you wait no longer in sending the ones that you have already collected. Since there will be occasions when you will send the rest. The great need right now where I find myself in terms of my tobacco obliges me to make the same request which is to supplicate you to hurry the expedition of the maps as well as the tobacco, which you have had the goodness to promise.

I must make a thousand excuses for the fact that we did not take advantage of the suggestions that you in order to make our almanacs more enjoyable in England. Promises had been made to me of the changes which you suggested in parts of the almanacs as long as I could guarantee their sale in England. However it deemed unfeasible to make the same changes in those which sell in our country where the new calendar style has received a general acceptance. Because there are very few people who care about the Old calendar style and it was even believed that it would be abolished in England. As for the astrological

predictions as ill-founded as they are, there are even more persons of rank than we think, who still have a taste for such things and the omission of which would cause considerable loss. As the Academy sells various kinds of almanac and since we have kept a complete version that we can very easily neglect other versions. To return to the first point, in the event that I am not sure of your return to England, I could not commit myself to secure the sale of a sufficient number of copies into which we would have effectively made any changes.

If I have forgotten to tell you the price of the *Berlinischer Nachrichten*, it is because it was a pittance and the book seller from whom I purchased them has since died and I would not be able to find the price. For some time now they have published an installment of this work, and in the event that you should request it, I could find the cost of everything, in that case I would appreciate it if you would mark the ones that you have received, so that I can know how many you are missing still, since the author has died there will not be any more installments.

I wish to offer a thousand thanks, Sir, for the clarifications that you were willing to provide concerning the subject of the other point of which I took the liberty to write to you. I am amply aware that even after one has allowed foreigners to establish themselves in England, it will still be a long time before granting them subsidies (pensions). Baron de Vernobreze has entrusted me to make you aware of his humble compliments and to assure of his most devoted feelings. He has made many toasts to your health to Madame, your wife, and has told me that he wrote at letter to tell you of the death of Madame la Baroness who died a few months ago on the same day as his mother, but he fears that you did not receive his letter.

Mr. Andrie has without doubt already given you his regards after I explained your state to him and the continuation of your feelings for him for which he is extremely grateful.

A little while after having received your letter I took the liberty to write to you and I hope that you received the letter in which I referred to the discoveries to Hudson Bay. I would be

extremely curious to learn if experiments were conducted with magnetic needles in these places.

All of my family wish you and your dear wife and I have the honor to assure you of my sincere and perfect affections.

A young astronomer from our observatory named Grischow should have arrived in London with Mr. Lemonnier who I take this opportunity to recommend.

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