

Euler to Wettstein  
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Letter 297 (2798)

[...] Your very kind letter of 23 December has given me infinite joy as much by knowing that you are taking good care of yourself for the preservation of your health for which I hope that God will bless you more and more, as for the good news of the zeal with which the English nation will undertake to support the just cause of our august King, which is the liberty of the Germanic cause and the conservation of the Protestant religion. How many disasters and desolations might we have prevented had we thought of this sooner? If we had only supplemented the expeditionary army and instead reinforced it with the 20000 English troops so uselessly transported to the French coast. Now our states of Westphalia, the Electorate of Hanover, Hesse and Brunswick have been flooded and ruined and what terrible cruelties have happened to our small town of Halberstatt. Just when we thought that we were safe from Russian flanks they flooded all of Prussia, God willing they do not get any closer. It is not expected that Mr. Keith will arrive earlier enough in Petersburg; our just cause against the Swedes appears in trouble and places us out of range to act in strength against the French. If all of these events were, by pure chance, to have happened all at once, we would have been crushed, however we have been spared such by divine intervention, that we can confidently expect the assistance of the Almighty which will be all the more successful by relying more on Him than on our own troops and allies. With God's grace we will soon have an honorable and lasting peace.

The bill for the maps sent to Mr. Jeffreys is the same as the last one, which is 22 gros a piece, or if you like an ecus discounted by  $1/12$ t, so that 12 maps are 11 ecus, from which he can easily make up the billing himself. . I am very surprised that this year's almanacs have not yet arrived in London by Christmas. They had been sent from Hamburg at the beginning of November, in the same way as the maps for Mr. Jeffreys, and I had taken the liberty to include a letter advising you as to this posting. However, I had taken the precaution a given the order that in case the almanacs would not arrive in London before Christmas then they would be sold in Hamburg. Mr. Bertrand will also be selling our German maps and I have asked him to give you the prices, I am annoyed to inconvenience you with such an item for which I asked that you reduce the price of the almanacs by the amount that I owe you for the tobacco and the books that you have had the goodness to send me. Here is a little something that will please Mr. Collinson and that is I will be able to tell you that I have received the last two copies of the Transactions, which I received quite a while ago with the volume XXXXVII that I asked for but since that time I have received nothing, also I am not aware of the price so that I can have it paid for by my friend. Mr. Baltier will know if he has sent them and if they arrived at Mr. Splittgerber.

I also thank you a thousand fold for all the trouble you have given towards Mr. Dietrich, I have already mentioned to him that no one wants to know anything about his machine. Furthermore in what concerns the operation of this machine and the way in which to establish the true magnetic inclination, there is an ample description in volume XI of our memoirs written by my son, which should be read before examining the machine.

In regards to my work *Introductio in analysin infinitorum* I have sent 20 copies to Holland, from where sufficient copies will be made to send to England.

Mr. Huber has taken a short three month trip to Basel. My entire family are all well thanks to God and provides their very affectionate regards as the same from of compatriots and Baron de Gorgier. I ask that you do likewise to you wife and to Mr. Schaub and to all who wish me well. Finally please accept my very best wishes on the occasion of this New Year for you health and prosperity and be assured that I am with the most perfect and respectful affections [...]