

Euler to Wettstein
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Letter 250 (2751)

[...] These are the first issues of our genealogical almanacs that I have the pleasure to send you by way of Mr. Frederick Henry Wettstein in Amsterdam. I hope that you will receive them well before the beginning of next year, and I hope with all my heart that you will have a propitious start followed by all sorts of happiness and blessings.

You will find as you asked for in this package 6 dozen French genealogical almanacs at one florin a piece, 2 German almanacs at 12 groschen a piece and two electorals at 20 groschen a piece which totals to 50 ecus and 16 groschen Berliner currency. The postage will be very inexpensive amounting to no more than 1 ecus. I still owe you 10 ecus for last year's almanacs and I entreat you to remember to take that amount off the current sale. I have included 6 copies of my corrected tables which concern the sun and the moon which come as separate pieces having being printed here and I take the liberty to present at this time a copy which I ask that you do with as you see fit. Having been in your debt until now I have been reluctant to tell you that I would be more than willing to accept the honor of being a member of the Royal Society of Sciences of London. I am aware that these receptions cost money. You should inconvenience yourself as little as possible by offsetting the costs against the almanac accounts.

As for the rest you have easily figured out that you have incited a great appetite in me for the excellent English tobacco that you sent, that I have yet to taste and really enjoy.

However, I implore you to take this statement in friendship and to not think about it because it can as easily be transacted by paying cash and even 12 or 20 ecus worth of tobacco will last me a long time. Messrs Folkes, Bradley and Stirling were recently inducted as members of our Academy through the good graces of our very worthy President M. de Maupertuis. Not too long ago, I was corresponding with M. Stirling and I have no idea why it ended, even though I did not have to respond unless of course a letter by Mr. Sterling was lost. As concerns the lunar tables, I have no doubt that we will find the titles an absolute novelty as well as what concerns their calculations however I still wish to make it clear that these tables are absolutely in conformity with Newton's theory exception made for the solar equation which in order to satisfy the observations I put down $9'45''$ instead of the nearly $13'$ as the theory warrants. As for the rest, I have the honor to assure you of the perfect closeness with which I am [...]

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