

Euler to Wettstein  
 Berlin, 27 October 1753  
 Letter 281 (2782)

[...] If I have delayed until now the opportunity to thank you for the tobacco and the books that you have had the goodness to send to me, please attribute that to the fact that I have been waiting for a few weeks in order to send the almanacs, which you have been willing to sell for our Academy. The tobacco is excellent and I am so very confused by the troubles that I have caused you and I will always be beholden to you for the books that your goodness has allowed me to have. I have sent those books as you have instructed:

100 French almanacs at 16 g.	66 Rthl. 16g.
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To which I have added des	
Herrn Hutsche Lehrheimnis	-. 16
The Russian Officer's letter	-. 3
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Total	62 20

You will also receive 3 copies of my little pamphlet on the "Hard-heads", which I hope that you will forgive the weaknesses as well as the faults. Our chemists to whom I told of Mr. Buass' discovery did not appear impressed since it was a well known efflorescence. If he has not made more substantial discoveries in alchemy, he will certainly not make his fortune and I fear that Mr. Bruckner's great hopes will follow the same path.

You will have learned by now, Sir, through the newspapers of the fatal effect that electricity produced in Saint Petersburg, having killed Professor Richmann. The French who had applied themselves in the same direction have now abandoned their project, and our physicists would had done likewise have been so shocked that they have entirely abandoned them. It is to Mr. Franklin that we should grateful for this unhappy discovery.

As far as I can remember, the ships that were sent around the back to find the passage to Hudson's Bay should already be back and Mr. Dobb's question decided, as it seems more than two years that these vessels left.

As for the eternal *Uranography*, everyone jokes that they will never see it, and they see these continual delays as pretexts to frustrate the subscribers for more money. I am happy that I did not solicit any subscriptions; however my friend Kies who picked up a dozen is in trouble and must endure unpleasant reproaches. I hope that Dr. Bevis will not cause any difficulty to reimburse the money that was advanced to him.

My mother who is accustomed to living in the country has had me purchase some land in Charlottenburg about a mile from here, where she is living presently and very comfortable. It is an attractive house with a pretty garden with a quantity of arable land and fields where we keep 6 horses and 10 cows, I have placed my children under the care of a tutor and I filled my house with paying guests, we are extremely well, God be praised.

However, I have learned with particular pain the sad news of so much grief which has befallen you in so little time, I am so touched and I hope with all my heart that the good Lord will repair these losses.

My entire family provides their very humble compliments, the same as to your wife, and Baron de Gorgier also sends his regards with the greatest affections. I have the honor of remaining with the most perfect affection [...]