

Euler to Wettstein  
Berlin, 8 January 1746  
Letter 247 (2748)

[...] the letter with which you have chosen to honor me has provided me with so much joy that I cannot find the words to express myself. The entreaties of your friendship that I had the pleasure of receiving while in Saint Petersburg were deeply touching, and I have sought the right moment to once again to let you know of my esteem. Therefore I embrace this opportunity that you have so graciously offered with the understanding, to congratulate you with all my heart at the beginning of this New Year. I have the distinct pleasure of sending to you 12 of our genealogic almanacs of which 6 are in French and 6 in German that I have addressed to M. Laurent at The Hague. The French ones cost 16 gros a piece and the German ones 12 gros a piece which is 7 ecus of our money here You could not have found the better person to help you since the Academy relies on the almanac revenues, and as I am in charge of the department that handles the sale I would wish very much for you to ask for more next time.

Undoubtedly that with all of the changes that have happened in Saint Petersburg since I had the honor of last seeing you have been considerable and I am pinched with happiness and hope that you will enjoy his Royal Highness' rewards that you have rightfully merited.

After having left the Saint Petersburg Academy, I have every reason to be satisfied with my lot. The King has provided me with the same salary as I had in Saint Petersburg which is 1600 ecus and I answer directly to His Majesty. I can do whatever I wish and no one expects anything from me. The King has named me his professor and I think that I am the happiest man in the world.

My family which now consists of 5 children offers their very humble regards, and I have the honor of being with the most perfect consideration [...]

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