

Euler to Wettstein
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Letter 248 (2749)

[...] My duty demands that I tell you that I have not only received the monies for the two dozen almanacs that I sent to you by mistake, but by a similar error instead of being paid 14 ecus we were paid 24 ecus which is ten ecus more than necessary. I would have returned the amount immediately had I not feared that having written two receipts for 24 ecus each, it might have caused some embarrassment to the publishers. As you have paid us by ordering your almanacs for next year, that would be the easiest way to satisfy our accounts and as we have already taken the necessary steps so that the almanacs are ready by the end of October, I am expecting to have your order to you by the end of the year. We are very pleased that your book sellers have realized that these almanacs will be good sellers. The more copies that they ask for the happier we will be. In order to best prepare the publisher, we would like to know as best we can what number of copies that they can be expected to sell. The proofs were printed in Augsburg and the lead time was too short to handle the drawings properly, which is the reason why they are a little too bright, however next year we will be better prepared. The drawings and the logos will be simplified and the frontispiece will have the portraits of the Kings of England and Sweden which may have an impact on the number of copies sold in England. All you will have to do is to tell us in what color you wish to have them bound. In the German editions we have added a short history of the Brandenburg Electors with their portraits which has increased the price by 12 gros. The edition without the history is 12 gros. If however you wish to have these for 18 gros which are in great demand all you need is to order them.

I am infinitely grateful for the trouble that you have taken in regards to the lunar tables which I forwarded to you. I would have gladly sent you a few copies had I not be concerned about the size of the package. However, even though the title which I provide as *Tabulae correctae*, I had only provided as an attempt in which we only should look at the layout and the letters of the table, since they have been published as the accompaniment to the theory added to the other tables that I have provided. Since that time, I have compared them to the observations and I have made a number of corrections, so that I presently I can flatter myself by saying that I have brought them a degree of precision which will pleased everyone.

I have yet to find the occasion to print them however I do expect to publish them with the theory. With that in mind I would be infinitely grateful if you would find out how Mr. Bradley feels about it.

The first volume of the *Memoires* of our new Academy will soon be completed. They will be published in French however the layout was completed before our President Mr. de Maupertuis had arrived.

Might I offer a suggestion in what concerns the sale of the almanacs? English tobacco is entirely unknown here, which has obliged me to have my stocks provisioned from Hamburg; however it requires a large order and the mixture that I had the honor of smoking at your home in Petersburg. If it would be possible I could receive it directly from England, I would consider myself to be very fortunate. However I am embarrassed to mention such a proposition which might cause you undue concerns and I offer a thousand pardons.

My entire family presents its very humble compliments ands I have the honor of being with the greatest affection possible [...]

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