

Euler to Wettstein
Berlin, 18 January 1749
Letter 261 (2762)

[...] The English maps which you so graciously took care of getting have finally arrived, and his Excellency Count Kayserling who was thoroughly charmed feels very obliged to you. So here I need to take advantage of you once again concerning the subject of the work *Uranography* which is going to be published in England. Some of my friends here have agreed to purchase 6 copies the payment in the form of a letter of exchange which has been endorsed to you and is contained herein; however we expect to receive 7 copies instead of 6 which is part of the publications promotion. As it is to Mr. Bevis, optician to the Prince of Wales who you should approach, since you need only to remit the letter of exchange to receive payment and he will provide you with the receipts for the 7 copies. Kindly keep the receipts with you, Sir, until the work is completed and have the kindness to send them to us through Holland or Hamburg with Mr. Splittgerber's address, as you see fit.

I am not of the persons who applied for the publication, because to my great surprise I saw my name on the list to receive a copy of the publication and I could not determine who was so interested for me to place my name on the list. I suspect that is to you that I am indebted and I have the honor to assure you that I will not miss the opportunity to repay you with all possible acknowledgements, since it is a work that I absolutely need.

You will also have learned that Mr. Baron de Vernezobre has died from an attack of hydropsy of a few months ago.

Following a report of a numbers of people who returned from Russia, that there is little chance that Mr. Dobbs will succeed in his undertaking, since they assure me that the Russians arrived to the meridian that ones sees on the maps through way of California and even to 60 degrees latitude which allows me to believe that that if Hudson Bay is in some way connected to the Great Ocean, it would be through the frozen sea towards the

north, through which the whales arrive near Kamtschatka in the Pacific sea. However as the Russians have discovered the mouths of a number of large rivers, one could suppose that one of them is connected to Hudson Bay.

My entire family sends their best regards to you as well as your wife.

I have the honor of being with perfect consideration [...]

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