

Euler to Wettstein  
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[...] I hope that our almanacs arrived in good condition, and that I flatter myself that you will be pleased as much by the soft covers as by the old calendar style. Perhaps your librarian will want a greater number next year; in that case, it would be best if I am informed as early as possible. In my last letter I indicated to you that the price of these almanacs came to 38 Rt. 19 gr. 4 p after the 1/12th discount from which I also owe you a little bit from last year, and also in the hope of obtaining a stock of tobacco. I also take the liberty to ask you to send me what would be the final bill for the geographical maps. Our Academy has made the decision to have the atlas of maps printed at its expense to which it has asked me to handle. I am seeking everywhere for the best originals and as it does not need to be particular maps, my request revolves principally on England, Scotland, Ireland and the American provinces for which I hope that you will easily find good examples without demanding any more research than those which you had the goodness to furnish to Count Kayserling. Moreover everything that you find which both are first-class and in good taste of this type and which you wish to send me will always increase my obligations to you.

As for the things that you sent to me through Mr. Grischow, I must tell you that I have still not received anything; as he has worked for a long time attempting to obtain a position with the Saint Petersburg Academy which was the real reason why he left his trunks so that they could be sent in the most convenient way to Saint Petersburg. Finally he was successful and before leaving here he told me that it would be impossible to open his trunks in Hamburg and in any event he would not be able to deliver my things except for next summer by sending them from Petersburg and he offered to pay for everything just as was on your billing

and I was obliged to accept this offer. Therefore, I do not have the tobacco or Halley's tables nor the other books which you had the goodness to send to me and in closing might I dare to ask for another copy of Halley's tables and my friend who was waiting for Bills of Mortality published by the Clerks wishes for another copy with the last two years as well as the book by Mr. Short on this subject. I am very upset that this inconvenience of Mr. Grischow has caused you to double your effort and to abuse you and your goodness. However, here is another request that I must make in concerns the subject of a mulberry plantation at our Academy. It is said that in England that there is a certain type of Canadian mulberry which has very large leaves. If you could supply our Academy with the seeds of this type of bush, our Academy would be infinitely grateful.

The *Uranography* may also be finished and the goodness that I expect may seem very great indeed. My mother and entire family proffer their very best regards.

Towards the end of last year our youngest son of 3 ½ years of age died and we have been deeply affected.

I request a thousand pardons for the ways in which I use you, and I am Sir with the most perfect consideration [...]

1<sup>st</sup> Edit 12/1/03