Euler to Wettstein Berlin, 21 November 1750 Letter 266 (2767)

[...] It has been three days since I sent, according to your request, the almanacs that you requested for next year. An illness which attacked a number of persons who worked at the publishers has been the reason why these almanacs, which should have appeared by Saint Michael's day, could not be finished before. You will receive, or rather Mr. Valliant at Carron's of Amsterdam, the almanacs as follows:

40 Rt 60 almanacs in the old calendar style at 16 gros. Are (reichthalers) at 16 gros. new I Rt 8gros. at 12 gros. 2 German I Rt Summa 42 Rt. 8 gros. From which we discount the 12th part 3 Rt. 12 gros. 8 p. 38 - 19 - 4

Therefore remains to be paid p.

Following last year's accounting I remember that I still owe you some shillings which would be about 2 ecus, which you will have the goodness to discount. I ask for your forgiveness for the searches that you have been troubled with in regards to the books and tobacco that you sent to me in one of Mr. Grischow's trunks. I have no doubt whatsoever that the items were not in there; Mr. Grischow had

formally prohibited the large trunk to be opened for fear of disturbing the instrument that was inside. However, I have still not received anything since the trunks are still in Hamburg and it so happens that the situation is now perfectly clear that I cannot expect to receive anything soon the reason for which is that Mr. Grischow did not think it appropriate to have his instruments follow him as he was in search of a situation with the Saint Petersburg Academy to which he offered to sell all of his instruments, and he thought that they would be closer by being in Hamburg so that they might be sent to Saint Petersburg. Did he perhaps send the instruments from Hamburg which he brought himself from Paris about fifteen days ago, and as I have just learned, his position with Saint Petersburg has been concluded and before leaving he has proposed to leave for Hamburg to dispense with the transportation of his instruments and at that time he expects to return those instruments that belong to me. However this affair could still drag itself out for some time, since it is uncertain if he will be released with the permission to go to Russia. Due to this reason I find myself obliged to request of you, Sir, to send me some tobacco, not doubting that this one will arrive before the one that I am expecting from Hamburg.

Mr. Raillard will soon have the honor of seeing, you since expects to leave here, having made the decision to go to Brazil. He is only waiting on the money to defray the costs of the trip with are coming from Basel. He will thank you himself for all the trouble that you gave on his behalf.

Uranography of Mr. Bevis is late in appearing and the persons who subscribed here are becoming impatient, if in the case it should be ready by Christmas, it would be a good occasion to add some tobacco.

My entire family presents their very best regards as well as to your wife and I implore you to do the same to the President as well as the entire Royal Society, I have the honor of being with the most perfect affection [...]