

1272. CONSTANZE MOZART¹ TO BREITKOPF & HÄRTEL,² LEIPZIG

Most highly honoured sirs,

Vienna, 28th Dec., 1799

I hear that the 211 copies³ of the Mozart *concerto* I published have not been sent to Messrs. Koch and *Leonhardi* in Frankfurt am Mayn as requested in the postscript of my letter of 9th Nov., [5] or at least still had not arrived there a short time ago. It will therefore have slipped your mind, and I now repeat my insistent wish that you send the *concertos* mentioned to the gentlemen in question, at their expense, as soon as possible with the very first coach. I will be exceptionally obliged to you for this prompt dispatch.

[10] I furthermore ask you to send me with the next post, now that you have had enough time to think about it, the 2 originals⁴ and the copied *fugues* you have in your hands, listed towards the end of the appendix to my letter of 30th Nov. as Nos. 1, 2, 3,⁵ if you do not need them; and if you do need them, to send me the 12 ducats⁶ which I asked for, [15] likewise with the next post; in the latter case you should therefore keep the originals for the time being.

I may surely furthermore expect the resolution of all the demands I noted in my letter of 20th Nov.⁷

[20] I have the honour to be, with the most constant respect,
most highly honoured sirs,
your most obedient servant
Constance Mozart

¹ BD: Nissen's handwriting, Constanze's signature. Nissen: cf. note No. 1224.

² BD: Founded as "Breitkopf" in 1719. On 1st November, 1795, Christoph Gottlob Breitkopf concluded a contract of partnership with Gottfried Christoph Härtel (1763-1827). This was followed in 1796 by a secret contract of sale in which the entire Breitkopf business was made over to Gottfried Christoph Härtel. The latter was also declared universal heir by Breitkopf shortly before his death in 1800.

³ BD: KV 503, published at Constanze's expense. Cf. No. 1262/104-105; No. 1263/63 ff.; No. 1273/20-24.

⁴ BD: Cf. No. 1270/56-57.

⁵ BD: No. 1270/28, 56, 58.

⁶ BD: 12 ducats = 54 florins.

⁷ BD: 17th November? Cf. items in No. 1267/143 ff.