

1298. MARIA ANNA,¹ IMPERIAL BARONESS² VON BERCHTOLD ZU SONNENBURG, TO BREITKOPF & HÄRTEL,³ LEIPZIG

à Monsieur / Monsieur Breit- / kopf et Härtel / à / Leipzig

Most nobly born!
Most highly esteemed sir!

St. Gilgen, the 22nd May
1800.

Since I have received no answer to my letter of 27th March, which was enclosed in a packet, [5] and this contained 3 *sonatas* by my brother and many themes of my brother's composition and which I asked Mayr's Bookshop⁴ send to you, I am concerned that you may not have received it at all and therefore ask you to be so good as to give an answer, [10] since I have also had to keep my friend in Salzburg waiting so long for an answer because I did not know what I should write to him regarding the *themes* because I was waiting for your answer from week to week. I look forward with longing to your kind answer and remain, with true respect,

[15] most nobly born Sirs, your
M: A:, Imperial Baroness⁵ von Berchtold
zu Sonnenburg mpra:⁶

I would be infinitely obliged to you if you would be so kind as to let me have the 7th and 3rd volumes of the instrumental pieces.

¹ BD: Maria Anna Walburga Ignatia ("Nannerl"), née Mozart, (1751-1829). After her marriage in 1784 her name was Maria Anna von Berchtold zu Sonnenburg.

² "Reichsfreiin".

³ 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.

⁴ "Mairische Buchhandlung" [correctly: "Mayr..."].

⁵ "Reichsfreiin".

⁶ "manu propria" [= "in my own hand"].