

1284. MARIA ANNA,¹ IMPERIAL BARONESS² VON BERCHTOLD ZU SONNENBURG, TO
BREITKOPF & HÄRTEL,³ LEIPZIG

Nobly born!
Most estimable sir!

St. Gilgen, 20th Fev.
1800.

Now, at last, the person⁴ to whom I had a letter sent regarding some of my brother's *compositions* has answered. I am sending you the opening *themes*⁵ [5] as well as the letter. From it you can see how necessary it is for you to answer soon if you want to have any of these things. I also hope have an answer soon from the person⁶ to whom I wrote myself. I hope you have received my letter of 13th inst.;⁷ I would also wish to have an answer soon. I remain, with great respect, [10]

your most devoted servant
M. A., Imperial Baroness von Berchtold
zu Sonnenburg.

I send you my most obliged thanks for Volume 6⁸ which I received via Mayr's bookshop.⁹ As far as it is in my power, I shall respond with a sign of my appreciation. [15]

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 BD: Not identified.

⁵ BD: Incipits.

⁶ BD: Not identified.

⁷ BD: No. 1282, lost.

⁸ BD: Cf. No. 1243/98.

⁹ BD: The Mayrische Buchhandlung. At that time owned by Kaspar Zaurith († 1818).