

1302. MARIA ANNA,¹ IMPERIAL BARONESS² VON BERCHTOLD ZU SONNENBURG, TO
BREITKOPF & HÄRTEL,³ LEIPZIG

à Monsieur / Monsieur Breitkopf / et Hertel / a / Leipzig

Most nobly born
Most estimable sir!

St. Gilgen, 25th *July*,
1800.

I hope you have received my communication of 17th *July*, since in the meantime [5] your communication of the 6th inst.⁴ has reached me, and that you have seen from it that I have received neither a letter nor an enclosure from you and was in the greatest embarrassment myself for not having received an answer from you over such a long period, and this misled me into making those uncivil utterances in my last letter, for which I now ask your forgiveness. [10] I therefore request you once again to write down the pieces and to send them to me right away, also to answer my 2 letters precisely, I will then be of service to you as far as I am able.

I remain, with the most distinct respects,

most nobly born sir!
your most devoted
M. A. Imperial Baroness von Berchtold
zu Sonnenburg mpra⁵

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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: 1299c, lost.

⁵ Manu propria = in her own hand.