1351. Maria Anna, Imperial Baroness von Berchtold zu Sonnenburg, to Breitkopf & Härtel, Leipzig

Monsieur / Monsieur Breitkopf et / <u>Härtel</u> / à / <u>Leipzig</u>

Most nobly born!
Most highly estimable sir!

Salzburg, 10<sup>th</sup> *July*, 1802.

Via Maier's bookshop<sup>4</sup> I safely received the 2 volumes you kindly sent me, [5] namely volumes 10 and 11, for which I offer you the heartiest thanks, and would only wish to be able to demonstrate my appreciation by activities which do not remain fruitless.

Neither the letter I wrote you on the 22<sup>nd</sup> April<sup>5</sup> nor the communication sent to you on the 1<sup>st</sup> *June*<sup>6</sup> have met with an answer from you, [10] although in the first one I had requested a prompt answer from you so that I might know what I have to do about the masses by Herr Haydn<sup>7</sup> which you had asked for.

I have also often been asked on previous occasions whether the requested volumes of my brother's works for *clavier* will perhaps be coming soon?<sup>8</sup> [15] I therefore beg you most urgently to answer both my letters very soon; I remain, with unreserved respect,

Your most devoted
M: A:, Baroness<sup>9</sup> von Berchtold
Sonnenburg

[20] I have already sent the copied music pieces off to you, on the 5<sup>th</sup> *June*, therefore ask you to inform me when you receive them.

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

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> "Reichsfreiin".

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> BD: Founded as "Breitkopf" in 1719. On 1<sup>st</sup> 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.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> "Maierische Buchhandlung". BD: The Mayrische Buchhandlung, a bookshop still in business in Salzburg today. Cf. No. 1284/14.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> BD: No. 1348, lost.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup> BD: No. 1349.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>7</sup> BD: Cf. No. 1347/24-29.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>8</sup> Cf. No. 1347/11-24.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>9</sup> "Freyin".