

1367. MARIA ANNA,<sup>1</sup> IMPERIAL BARONESS<sup>2</sup> VON BERCHTOLD ZU SONNENBURG, TO  
BREITKOPF & HÄRTEL,<sup>3</sup> LEIPZIG

*À Monsieur / Monsieur Breitkopf et / Härtel. / à / Leipzig*

Most nobly born!

Salzburg, 15<sup>th</sup> 9<sup>ber</sup>,

Most highly estimable Herr Breitkopf!

1804.

I really cannot understand that once again I have received no answer from you to my communication of 25<sup>th</sup> 7<sup>ber</sup>.<sup>4</sup>

In this letter I asked you to be so good as to inform me of the reason for your silence over the communication I had sent to you on 1<sup>st</sup> May.<sup>5</sup> As I had sent you the requested profile portrait back then, and still have not received any answer, I really do not know what I should think. [10] In the last letter I also said that you should be sure to send the requested *Variations* and *Marches* by Bethofen,<sup>6</sup> and so far nothing has come.

They wanted to order them elsewhere, but I thought I was doing you a favour by recommending your publishing house to them, [15] and now they are waiting patiently and still in vain, and I do not know what answer I can give them; what embarrassment you have caused me. --

I do indeed therefore hope for an immediate reply and explanation following this communication, and if these *Variations* and *Marches* do not reach the indicated address soon, I cannot help it if they arrange for these items to be delivered from elsewhere.

In anticipation of an affirmative  
answer I remain

Your

most devoted

[25]

M: anna, Baroness von  
Berchtold zu Sonnenburg.

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<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>2</sup> "Reichsfreiin".

<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>4</sup> = 24<sup>th</sup> September. BD: No. 1366, actually 20<sup>th</sup> September.

<sup>5</sup> BD: No. 1365, actually 30<sup>th</sup> April.

<sup>6</sup> BD: Cf. No. 1366/19-20.