

1167. MOZART TO HIS WIFE, BADEN¹ BY VIENNA

Dearest, most treasured little wife!

[Vienna, 24th or 25th June, 1791]²

I am writing only a little to you now, and in haste, because I am going to surprise³ Leitgeb⁴ and am going out to breakfast there – it is now half past 5 – after eating I will write to you again. [5] By then I also hope to have something to read from you. – *adieu* – I only wanted to say good morning to you, – take care of yourself – especially with the bathing – if you feel even only a little weak, stop at once – *adieu* – 2000 kisses –

Mozart.

To *Snai*⁵ an arsefull of compliments – and he should apply himself diligently to vexing *X.Y.*⁶
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¹ BD: Constanze had problems with her feet (cf. note on No. 1106/14) and had spa treatment in Baden on previous occasions; now, furthermore, she was soon due to bear a child.

² BD: Dating deduced from No. 1170.

³ BD: From No. 1170/9 ff. it is clear that Mozart's surprise was related to Leutgeb's stay to Rome (cf. No.0266/31-32).

⁴ BD: Joseph (incorrectly Ignaz) Leutgeb (Leitgeb) (1732-1811), hunting horn player, one of the few people mentioned throughout the almost 30 years of correspondence (1763-1791). The large number of works written for him by Mozart speak for his musical abilities. Mozart made contact with him in 1781, shortly after arriving in Vienna. Leutgeb lived in a large house outside town; Mozart stayed there occasionally when his wife was taking spa treatment in Baden in 1791.

⁵ BD: It is pretty certain from No. 1180/22-24 in combination with No. 1173/14 ff. that "Snai" is Süssmayer.

⁶ BD: "X.Y": cf. note on No. 1163/2.