

sealed, addressed outside, "To the King's Majesty, Berlin." Send the letter, not through me, but officially, through M. de Pfuel.¹

The letter to the King is not absolutely necessary, but it will give pleasure, for the King likes any affectionate demonstration from the country that has now become yours.² It will be useful, also, with reference to our request for the purchase of some copies, which we will make to the King as soon as the first number has appeared. Had I obtained the King's name for you to-day (which would have been difficult, since the King detests subscriptions), we should have spoiled the sequence. It seems to me that a letter of acknowledg-

¹ At the head there must be "Allerdurchlauchtigster, grossmächtigster König, — allergnädigster König und Herr." Then you begin, "Euer königlichen Majestät, wage ich meinen lebhaftesten Dank für die allergnädigst bewilligte Unterstützung zum Ankauf meiner Sammlung für das Gymnasium in Neuchâtel tief gerührt allerunterthänigst zu Füßen zu legen. Wüsste ich zu schreiben," etc. The rest of your letter was very good, — put only, "so vieler Gnade zu entsprechen" instead of "so vieler Güte." You should end with the words, "Ich ersterbe in tiefster Ehrfurcht Euer königlicher Majestät aller unter thänigsten getreuester." The whole on small folio, sealed, addressed outside, "An des König's Majestät, Berlin."

These forms are no longer in use. They belong to a past generation.

² It may not be known to all readers that Neuchâtel was then under Prussian sovereignty.