



## Letter from Georg Bredig to Max Bredig, February 7, 1939

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### English Translation

Karlsruhe, February 7, 1939 / No Mx. 80

Your registered letter from January 22nd arrived later than your regular letter from January 26th, perhaps because it was checked by customs.

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Dear Max,

That is how it happens! I barely placed my letter, No. Mx 79, in the mailbox when you registered letter from January 22, 1939 arrived. Thank you very much for the two notarized financial sponsorship documents addressed to the English Consul for me! Marianne, who wrote to you yesterday, will probably write to you more about this today or in the next few days. She takes care of everything much better and more efficiently than me or Viktor. Without her, everything would be much more difficult here, but it is still infinitely challenging and unthinkable slow. Please confirm the arrival of the other letters: No. Mx 78 from January 11, Mx 79 from February 7, 1939, Mx 80 and Mx 81 from February 7, and Marianne's postcards A12 from January 22, 1939 and A13 from February 6, 1939. She also sent you two postcards dated January 24, 1939 to Bridgeville and New York

I can no longer send you the Gmelin-Kraut writings because I finally had to sell them here in January to Fock. I am packing up my library and shipping them was not possible. I still have Ullmann, the Central Journal, and the Journal for Physical Chemistry. I will keep them here for the time being. Even if you haven't been unable to unpack your box of books with the Ullmann work, both Ullmann and Gmelin are already available to you there, e.g. from Berl or in a large institute or university library. You must soon read the article "Vanadium" by R.J. Meger, which is excellent. In the 8th edition of Gmelin, vanadium isn't mentioned at all. I still have an incomplete copy of the 7th edition. In edition, in the second part of Volume 2, there is information (in addition to Ra, Mn, As, Sb, Te and Bi) in section V, which is 162 pages long. However, the volume is more than 30 years old. It probably very outdated and worthless. If you wish, I could perhaps send it to you as "printed matter." If Volume V appears in the eighth edition, you might be able to buy it individually or as a member of the German Chemical Society.

In the last few years, I had to scientifically assess two dissertations from the University of Dacca in Bengal, British India (Post Ramna) about vanadic acid as a photochemical catalyst and semibilator in the oxidation of organic substances with  $\text{H}_2\text{O}_2$ . They were completed in Professor Gosh's laboratory in Dacca by Mr. Tarapada Bandyopadhyay and Mr. Bepin Chandra Kar. In letter Mx 81, I am sending you some of my notes and scientific literature reference, which I may ask that you return. The dissertations deal with "inorganic fermentation." The phenomena observed are perhaps of photographic interest, e.g., like the "catatype" by Wilhelm Ostwald and O. Gros.

Warmest regards from us all,  
Your old Father