

**CORRESPONDENCE BETWEEN JOHANN BERNOULLI AND PIERRE
VARIGNON**

Extract from Letter 95 of Johann Bernoulli to Varignon
26 February 1707

Die Werke von Jacob Bernoulli, Vol. 3, p. 395

“Before finishing, it is necessary that I add that which I forgot to remark in the Eulogy made by Mr. Saurin, it is that he said at the end, that the Scholars await in particular of my attention that the posthumous works of my brother see the day; but I would have well wished that Mr. Saurin himself was excused from leaving the public with an expectation since the Heirs of my brother will not set me in a state of ever fulfilling, seeing the great care that they have to well hide from me all his papers and his writings, from a fear that I make some profit from them; and me, I do not express more desire to see them, than they have to show them to me; for I have enough material with my own inventions, if I had inclination to write some books, I have no need to charge myself in the affairs of others, quite far from me to interfere by force: I would wish that Mr. Saurin disabused on occasion the public of its expectation, lest the fault be thrown back onto me, when one will never see anything at all of that which my brother has left; but if immediately You wished that the public enjoy it, address you to my Nephew, who has at his disposition all the papers of his Father.”

Extract from Letter 106 of Varignon to Johann Bernoulli
8 May 1708

Die Werke von Jacob Bernoulli, Vol. 3, p. 396

“One named M. de Montmort, who has another time written to you at Groningen under the name of M. Remond, canon of Notre Dame de Paris, has actually printed a book on the “*Jeux de Hazard*.” Whence comes therefore that one sees not at all the one of late Mr. your brother on the *arte conjectandi*?, which must comprehend much more, having entered into the matters of morals & of politics.

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