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**Listy Jana Stefana Ligęzy Kurdwanowskiego (1680–1780) i Józefa Andrzeja
Załuskiego (1702–1774) do Pierra Louis Moreau de Maupertuisa (1698–1758)
w zbiorach francuskiej Akademii Nauk**

**Letters of Jan Stefan Ligęza Kurdwanowski (1680–1780) and Józef Andrzej Załuski
(1702–1774) to Pierre Louis Moreau de Maupertuis (1698–1758) from the collection
of the French Academy of Sciences**

SUMMARY

Archives of the French Academy of Sciences in Paris preserve a rich collection of documents of Maupertuis, his correspondence with foreigners, mainly from the time when he was the President of the Academy of Sciences in Berlin. Among these documents, we find two letters written by Polish scientists – Kurdwanowski and Załuski – unknown to the historians of science until today. After analysis of their content, it was concluded that they are very interesting for the history of Polish science of the 18th century. The letters concern admission of those Polish scientists to the Royal Academy of Sciences in Berlin, chaired by Maupertuis and they reveal new biographical data on Załuski and Kurdwanowski. They also include interesting facts about the 18th century scientific associations in Europe. They confirm the thesis about particularly important role of the court of Stanisław Leszczyński as a centre of the 18th-century culture and science. Moreover, they give valuable evidence of the fate of the Poles, who, along with Leszczyński, found themselves in exile in Lorraine.

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