

Letter 46: End of May 1520, Mainz, Capito to Johannes Cochlaeus

The letter itself is not extant, but Cochlaeus reports on it in a letter to Willibald Pirckheimer (text in *Willibald Pirckheimers Briefwechsel*, ed. H. Scheible, Munich, 1997, IV, # 698). Cochlaeus relates that he was present at an effort, initiated by Franz von Sickingen, to settle the Reuchlin affair in the papal court. Turning to the Luther question, Cochlaeus declares his support for the reformer. He then mentions Capito's letters (see Cochlaeus' reply to one of them above, Ep. 45a):

5 ...Paucis diebus bis ad me ex Moguntia scripsit Fabritius Capito, cuius conciones hic quoque vel maxime laudantur; petit in posterioribus literis, ut mittam sibi opera Ciceronis omnia in forma portatili de littera Aldina. Inquisivi hic, sed frustra. Non scio alium certe, qui te possit aut facilius aut commodius ea in re morem gerere. Habes ad nutum mercatores Venetianos, qui nihil tibi denegent. Obsecro te, si grave non sit, homini inservias. Novi, quod virum diligis. Pretium tibi integerrime restituetur, me sponsore, immo et debitore. Si orationes Cic. Aldina non habeat impressio, alterius petit impressionis, modo sint in forma portatili...