

Letter 345b: 6 January 1528, Lucerne, Thomas Murner to Capito and Martin Bucer

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[*Summary*]: Murner declares his willingness to debate with Capito and Bucer using the Bible as the sole authority. He has asked the *Schultheiss* of Lucerne for permission to go to Bern for the Disputation. Bern has offered him a safe-conduct, but the eight Catholic cantons have not given him permission to go, since they are unwilling to have a matter touching the whole of the Confederation decided by Bern alone. Murner notes that Zwingli did not attend the Disputation of Baden out of consideration for his safety, nor did Capito or Bucer participate. And now they are proposing Bern in the knowledge that he has been forbidden to go there. But he will not remain inactive. He will ask the entire council of Twelve Cantons [assembled at Lucerne on 14 January] for permission to go to Bern. If he obtains leave, he expects the council of Bern to seek the endorsement of the Twelve Cantons in turn.