

gall. fol. 190

Binding:

Quarter binding from the Königliche Bibliothek in Berlin. Covering made of “Annonay” type marbled paper. On the spine there is a title label bearing the inscription *Correspondance du prince de SOUBISE*. In the centre of the front cover there is a gold embossed super ex-libris of the Königliche Bibliothek. Good state of preservation. Before acquisition by the Königliche Bibliothek the documents were stored unbound.

History:

The manuscript consists of correspondence addressed to colonel Louis-Bruno count de Boisgelin, marquis de Cucé (1734-1794) and other papers belonging to him. Based on the dates appearing on the vast majority of the documents, it can be established that they were written in the late 1750s and early 1760s. Thematically, they are all related to the Seven Years' War. The documents were written in France, Prussia and Austria. Their first owner was surely count de Boisgelin himself. The fate of the documents between the year of his death (1794) and 1865, when they were sold to the Königliche Bibliothek in Berlin, is unknown. They were bought from a Viennese bookseller Josef Klemm and entered the accession register on 6th February 1865.

Content:

The manuscript contains original letters from the following (in this order): Louis-Hyacinthe Boyer de Crémille, Charles-Louis-Auguste Fouquet de Belle-Isle, Charles de Rohan prince de Soubise, general Cornillon, general François de Chevert, marshal Louis Georges Érasme de Contades, general Chevalier du Muy, Mr. d'Ariffat, Mr. d'Hivery. The manuscript also contains several letters (or rough copies of letters) to unknown recipients, outlines of military manoeuvres and other documentation related to the events of the Seven Years' War. Of particular interest is the 1758 set of texts under the common title *Journal de l'armée de Soubise*, describing in detail the movements of the units remaining under prince de Soubise's command. This text, made up of several separate parts, is scattered throughout

various parts of the manuscript. This text, as well as other documents making up ms. gall. fol. 190, remain unpublished. They are an incredibly valuable source of information on the course of the Seven Years' War, especially by allowing a precise reconstruction of the French army's movements at that time. With reference to this manuscript, cf. Lemm p. 12.