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### **Binding:**

Binding of marbled paper used from the 18<sup>th</sup> century, contemporary to the date of manuscript.

### **History:**

The manuscript was created in the second half of the 18<sup>th</sup> century. It can be determined, for example, on the basis of the lifetime of the owner and the binding's dating. On page Ir<sup>o</sup> there is the visible signature: *Moehsen* (see Ms. Ital. Fol. 52). This most likely refers to Johann Karl Wilhelm Moehsen (1722-1795), enthusiast of numismatics, medicine historian and bibliophile whose book collection was purchased by the Königliche Bibliothek in Berlin (cf. « Neue Deutsche Biographie », vol. 17, p. 623-625; Friedrich Wilken, « Geschichte der Königlichen Bibliothek zu Berlin », Berlin, 1828, p. 115). The binding was made of marbled paper manufactured with use of the speckling technique (a technique frequently used starting from the 18<sup>th</sup> century, cf. « pulled paste » type; several examples of this kind of paper can be found in Wolfe, pl. IX, n<sup>os</sup> 1 et 2). The manuscript contains a catalogue of collection belonging to Karl Gottlieb Guischart. Considering the facts that underneath the pastedown there still is a visible card printed with a Gothic font and that Karl Gottlieb Guischart lived in Berlin, the binding's completion in Germany (Berlin ?) is highly probable. Although the manuscript is not included in the accession register of the Königliche Bibliothek in Berlin, it was entered to the old catalogues under No. Cat A 356 (Numophylacia Quinti Icili [Numismatica in 4<sup>to</sup> position 182]) in 1796.

### **Content:**

NUMO PHYLACIUM QVINTI ICILII (1r<sup>o</sup>-162v<sup>o</sup>). The manuscript contains a catalogue of old coins and historical medals (mostly of Roman origin). It is a description of the collection of Colonel Karl Gottlieb Guischart (1724-1775, referred to by Frederick the Great with the name of Julius Caesar's best aide-de-camp, Quintus Icilius). Guischart was a Prussian

soldier and author of many works on the history of the military. The copy consists of three parts: *Des Medailles des Rois de Macédonie, d'Asie d'Egypte et de Sicile etc.* (1r<sup>o</sup>-11v<sup>o</sup>); *Des Medailles de Familles Romaines* (12r<sup>o</sup>-31v<sup>o</sup>); *Medailles Imperiales* (32r<sup>o</sup>-162v<sup>o</sup>). The text has not been published.