

MS. GALL. QUART. 119

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Binding:

The spine is made of brown leather, veneers are made of brown cloth; the binding was made at the Königliche Bibliothek in Berlin, at the end of the 19th century or at the beginning of the 20th century.

History:

The manuscript was made in Germany, in the first half of the 18th century. It belonged to the collection of the entail of Rydzyna (Ordynacja Rydzyńska) (it was kept in Leszno). It entered the accession register of the Königliche Bibliothek in Berlin on the 11th of December 1897, under the number 1897. 71. It was purchased by the Board of Directors of this library from Valentin von Bismarck in October 1897.

Content:

The same work can be found in a different manuscript which belongs to the same collection and is kept in Cracow: gall. fol. 195. Apart from this, in the Staatsbibliothek zu Berlin Preussischer Kulturbesitz there is certainly one more manuscript which conveys the same text: gall. quart. 44. There are certain phonetic, morphological and textual differences between the manuscript gall. quart. 119 and the manuscript gall. fol. 195. As far as the textual differences are concerned, in general they do not change the meaning of the text. The manuscript was compared with the printed edition from 1739: «LES CARACTERES DE LA Cour de S***, Comprenant Les Maximes, la Politique & la Conduite des Ministres, & autres Personnes de cette Cour; de puis l'Année 1700 jusques à l'Année 1706», Par Msr. JVLIVS GVILELMVS GVINEZ, A COLOGNE, Chez Pierre Marteau & Jean le Provinciale, M DCC XXXIX. Differences between the manuscript and the printed edition most of all refer to the way in which some proper names had been written. The following are the portraits of the ministers which are included in the manuscript: Le Stadthalter (fol. 3r^o-v^o), Pflug (fol. 3r^o-

6v^o), Field marshal (fol. 6v^o-7r^o), Friese (fol. 7r^o-v^o), Bosse the Younger (fol. 7v^o-12r^o), Pattkoul (fol. 12r^o-v^o), General Flemming (fol. 12v^o-16r^o), Przebendowski (fol. 16r^o-21r^o), Bose the Older (fol. 21r^o-23r^o), Knoch (fol. 23v^o-24v^o), Hoymb the Father (fol. 25r^o-v^o), Hoymb the Son (fol. 25v^o-26v^o), Miltitz (fol. 26v^o-27r^o), Born (fol. 27r^o-v^o), Zech (fol. 27v^o), Kühlewein (fol. 27v^o-28r^o), Thielau (fol. 28r^o-v^o), Racenitz (fol. 28v^o), Vitzdom (fol. 29r^o-v^o), Seiffertitz (fol. 29v^o-30r^o), General Benickendorff (fol. 30v^o-33r^o), General Schoulenbourg (fol. 33r^o-34r^o), General Jordan (fol. 34r^o-35r^o), General Thiesenhausen (fol. 35r^o), Miltitz (fol. 35v^o-43v^o), Duke de Courlande (fol. 43v^o-45r^o), General Venediger (fol. 45r^o-v^o), Canitz (fol. 45v^o-46r^o), Wackerbarhrt (fol. 46r^o-48r^o), Lagnasco (fol. 48r^o), Kospoht (fol. 48v^o), Kiesewetter (fol. 49r^o-51r^o), Vesnich – Secretary of the king (fol. 51r^o-54r^o), Portrait of the king [Augustus II the Strong] (fol. 54r^o-78r^o). With reference to this manuscript, cf. Lemm, p. 21.