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Binding:

The binding made of “Annoney” type marbled paper, used since the 1820s. On the spine, there is a title label of red leather, bearing the gold embossed title *Cartos de Madrid 1795 a 1807*. Pastedowns and flyleaves of white paper. The manuscript is a collection of letters; they were gathered and bound some time – probably a short one – after being written.

History:

The manuscript is a collection of letters, easy to date thanks to dates appearing in the text. They were written between 1794 and 1811. They were sent from many places in Europe, especially from Spain, Italy and France. Since their sender, Charles Andreoli, numbered them (1-55), we could establish that this part of the collection of his correspondence is complete. The fate of the collection between Charles Andreoli's death (1819) and the date of their acquisition by the Königliche Bibliothek in Berlin is unknown. The accession register of the library holds the information that the manuscript was acquired in 1862. Unfortunately, the register holds no information on the identity of the person, from whom the manuscript was purchased.

Content:

The manuscript consists mainly of correspondence between Charles Andreoli, the Emperor of Austria's envoy to Rome, and Joseph de Helmstatt, a brigadier of the King of Spain's army. The manuscript also includes a letter with the signature "Joseph de Helmstatt", written to an unspecified person, dated Madrid, January 1794 (fols. 5r^o-6r^o); a letter written by Charles Andreoli addressed to „Governador del Consejo” (probably Felipe Antonio Fernández Vellejo, the bishop of Salamanca) written in San Ildefonso on 12th September 1795 (fols. 12r^o-v^o); a letter written by one Ramon Perez Beleña, an unidentified person, addressed to Joseph de Helmstatt and dated Madrid, 26th February 1807 (fols. 62r^o-63v^o); a letter written by one Guillaume Ferdinand de Gennotte, an unidentified person, to Joseph de Helmstatt, dated Madrid, 30th June 1807 (fols. 132r^o-v^o). Identifying the addressees of

the letters from cards 15r^o-18v^o, as well as the sender of the letter from cards 91r^o-v^o, proved impossible. The documents remain unpublished. Establishing the location of the remaining correspondence of Charles Andreoli and Joseph de Helmstatt was not possible. With reference to this manuscript, cf. Lemm p. 20.