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Binding:

A nineteenth-century binding from marbled paper, characteristic of the Königliche Bibliothek in Berlin (cf. gall. fol. 124, 150, 155, gall. quart. 34).

History:

Dates in copyist's colophons indicate that the copy was written between May and July 1765 in Schwerin (Suerinum, the capital city of the Mecklenburg-Vorpommern federal state). The author of the copy left the following initials: *DHI* which we are unable to decipher today. The copy was not entered into the Berlin Königliche Bibliothek accession register, which means it must have reached the library before 1828 – the year of establishment of the accession register

Content:

KARL LUDWIG VON PÖLLNITZ : HISTOIRE SECRETE DE LA DUCHESSE D'HANOVER, ÉPOUSE DE GEORGES PREMIER, ROI DE LA GRANDE BRETAGNE. LES MALHEURS DE CETTE INFORTUNÉE PRINCESSE. SA PRISON AU CHATEAU D'ALHEN OÙ ELLE A FINI SES JOURS ; SES INTELLIGENCES SECRETTES AVEC LE COMTE DE KOENIGSMARK, ASSASSINÉ À CE SUJET. S. Lemm's catalogue includes information on the text's author. His name was Karl Ludwig von Pöllnitz (1692–1775). The manuscript is a copy of the first edition of Pöllnitz's work (cf. "Histoire secrete de la duchesse d'Hanover, epouse de George Premier, roi de la Grande Bretagne. Malheurs de cette infortunée princesse. Sa prison au Château d'Alhen où elle a fini ses jours ; ses intelligences secretes avec le comte de Koenigsmark, assassiné à ce sujet" À Londres, par la Compagnie des Libraires. M DCC XXXII), which is confirmed by information from the first page in the volume: *imprimé à Londres 1732*. Count von Pöllnitz's story draws on historical events occurring mainly from 1682 (the marriage of George Duke of Brunswick-Luneburg with his cousin Sophia Dorothea of Celle) and 1727 (the death of the Duke who ascended the British throne and took on the name of George I). The author of the work is mentioned neither in the manuscript, nor in the printed edition. Apart from a few exceptions the copy is almost identical to the printed original.

