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Dom Parmentier et l'abbé Lallart

Binding:

Parchment binding, certainly the first binding of the manuscript, but the manuscript slightly predates the binding; considering the fact that the protective cards are not made of mould-made paper, it must have been made in the 1830's at the earliest.

History:

The manuscript is a copy of a text and was not made by a speaker of French, which is indicated by the linguistic mistakes. It might have been made in Westphalia. The year 1806, which appear on the title page, is probably a mistake made by the copyist and it enables us to determine the date of origin of the copy: after the year 1806. The manuscript was included in the accession register of the Preussische Staatsbibliothek in Berlin on the 4th of May 1927, with the indication of the provenience: Buch-Antiquariat des Westens, Stargard.

Content:

The author of the text is Dom Parmentier, a Benedictine from the Marchiennes abbey, and M. Lallart, its last abbot who corrected the first abbot. The following is the information which can be found on the title page (fol. 2r^o): *Mes souvenirs où [sic !] État de L'abbaye de Marchiennes en 1789, de ses possessions, de ses privilèges, avec des anecdotes relatives à l'histoire de cette maison. Par dom. Parmentier religieux de la dite abbaye ancien prévôt et prieur de vregnij [sic !] en Soissonois. Vu et corrigé par M. Lallart dernier abbé de Marchiennes en 1806. A Winkhausen au duché de Berg où [sic !] à la [sic !] comté de la Marck, en Westphalie en 1796.* This is a very thorough study containing lots of historical information about the Marchiennes abbey, which played a very important role in the history of the French Church, which had been prospering well for the eleven centuries and which was almost completely destroyed due to the French Revolution. The work contains the following chapters: «Fondation de l'abbaye de Marchiennes et les abbés de la dite abbaye» (fol. 3v^o-

10r^o), «Droit d'élection» (fol. 10r^o-26v^o), «Droits des abbés de Marchiennes» (fol. 26v^o-27v^o), «Possessions de l'abbaye de Marchiennes en Flandres» (fol. 27v^o-61r^o), «Possessions de l'abbaye en Artois» (fol. 61v^o-84v^o), «Prieurés et prévôté de l'abbaye» (fol. 85r^o-90r^o), «Lot conventuel, fondations et bénéfices simples» (fol. 90r^o-91v^o).