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Binding:

Half-binding: red maroquin and marbled paper. Recto of the first page and verso of the last page are dirtier than other pages: the manuscript had not been bound for some time. It was then bound in a soft binding: today's protective card II and III. The present binding is not original, it was made at the beginning of the 19th century, before 1867, within the collection of the first owner of the manuscript: Gérard de Colmar.

History:

The manuscript was made in Alsace, in the town of Colmar, in 1840. Its first owner was Charles Gérard de Colmar, and then in 1867 the manuscript came into possession of William I, the king of Prussia, who immediately gave it to the Königliche Bibliothek in Berlin. Information about this is on the ex-libris on the front endpaper, on which there is the emblem of the Prussian kings and inscription: *BIBLIOTHECA REGIA BEROLINENSIS. / DONO / WILHELMI / REGIS AUGUSTISSIMI / D. XVIII. IUN. A. MDCCCLXVII. / EX BIBLIOTHECA ALSATICA / D. GERARDI / COLUMBARIENSIS*, as well as the accession entry in Staatsbibliothek zu Berlin – Preussischer Kulturbesitz, where the manuscript was registered in 1867 under the number Acc. Gér. 865.

Content:

The manuscript conveys *Mémoire contenant les raisons du Magistrat Catholique de la Ville de Colmar contre la prétention des Luthériens de la même ville*, which is accompanied by copies of various documents which support arguments presented in the work. It seems that the text had not been published in print. Another manuscript also presents the same work: ms. 100^b in Bibliothèque de la ville de Strasbourg, dating back to the 18th century (cf. Rodolphe Reuss, « Catalogue des manuscrits alsatiques de la ville de Strasbourg », in « Revue d'Alsace », nouvelle série, tome 11^e, tome XLVIII^e de la collection, Neuilly-sur-Seine – Belfort 1897, pp. 5-31, herein pp. 14-15). With reference to gall. fol. 194 manuscript cf. Lemm, p. 12 – P. Tylus, article in « Fibula » 5.