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Binding:

Binding made of marbled paper, made at the Königliche Bibliothek in Berlin: the marbled paper is very ordinary and typical of the bindings made at that library in the first half of the 19<sup>th</sup> century. It seems that for a long time the manuscript remained without a binding; the present binding, although it was not made at the same time as the manuscript, might be the first binding of this manuscript.

History:

The manuscript does not seem to be an autograph; this is probably just a regular copy. The writing is characteristic of the 18<sup>th</sup> century. The manuscript contains the posthumous praise of a man called Jacques-Reinhold Spielmann, who dies in 1783. The praise was delivered on the 28<sup>th</sup> of October 1784, during the assembly of the Société Royale de Médecine. Therefore the date of origin of the manuscript has to be placed between this date and the end of the 18<sup>th</sup> century. The place of origin of the manuscript is not certain. The praise relates to a man who was born and died in Strasburg, a professor of the University in Strasburg who was its rector five times and who maintained scientific relations with various intellectual centres in Europe, among others with the Academy in Berlin, of which he was a member. With reference to this person, cf. e.g. «Nouvelle biographie générale», Paris 1865, t. 44, pp. 327-328; and Edouard Sitzmann, «Dictionnaire de biographie des hommes célèbres de l'Alsace», tome II, Editions du Palais Royal, Paris 1973 [reprint], pp. 807-808. The original was probably made in France, after Spielmann's death, but the copies could have been made all over Europe. This manuscript and the gall. fol. 153 manuscript have common history. Because the manuscript does not have an accession pressmark, it must have reached the Königliche Bibliothek in Berlin before 1828 (the year when the accession register was introduced).

Content:

The text was published in «Histoire de la Société Royale de Médecine», chez Théophile Barrois, MDCCLXXXVII, pp. 116-126; and in «L'esprit des journaux, françois et étrangers»,

par une société de gens-de-lettres, février 1785, tome II, quatorzième année, Paris, pp. 205-211. The manuscript contains as many paragraphs as the printed edition. Neither was the edition made on the basis of the manuscript, nor was the manuscript made on the basis of the edition, because the textological differences are too distinct. With reference to this manuscript, cf. Lemm, p. 9.