

hisp. quart. 26

#### Binding:

Original, leather binding ('pasta española'), typical of Spain, the 18<sup>th</sup> century. The spine decorated with floral patterns in decorative frames, the endpaper made from marbled paper, red edges

#### History:

The manuscript does not name its author; the author was identified on the basis of Lemm, p. 106, Francisco Aguilar Piñal, "Bibliografía de autores españoles del siglo XVIII," Consejo Superior de Investigaciones Científicas, Instituto de Filología, Madrid 1989, v. V, p. 321, as well as on the basis of comparisons with other copies. It is one of many copies of Melchor de Macanaz's (1670-1760) writings, a popular and prolific politician, condemned to many years of exile from France. It was written after 1720 (the last date mentioned in the text), in Spain or in France. It does not contain its owner's name or notes indicating its history. The quality of workmanship may indicate owner's high social status; Macanaz's writings were in the libraries of, among other people, marquis Pidal and duke of Osuna. The book could have been owned by duke of Arcos, because it is assumed that Hisp. Quart. 25 manuscript, of similar characteristics (identical cover, texts concerning the political history of Spain), belonged to his library. We do not know how the manuscript reached the Königliche Bibliothek. Lack of accession number indicates that it was owned by the Königliche Bibliothek before 1828, the year of establishment of the accession register.

#### Content:

The manuscript contains two texts by Melchor de Macanaz: (2r<sup>o</sup>-7v<sup>o</sup>) *Decreto de S.M. à la Junta año de 1718* and (8r<sup>o</sup>-293r<sup>o</sup>) *Diserttacion Historica que sirve de explicacion à algunos Lugares Ôscuros que se encuentran en la Historia, Cartas, Alegaciones, y Apología que àdado â Luz el Cardenal Alberony*. Both texts concern cardinal Alberoni, the prime minister

of Spain, driven out of the country by King Philip V and imprisoned at pope Clement XI's order (1720). Macanaz reminds the public opinion of cardinal's hypocrisy, lies, greed, despotism, ineptitude and acts against Spain's interests in the area of both internal and foreign policy. From a rich legacy of Macanaz, concerning the history of Church and the political history of Spain (201 volumes), only some works appeared in print, most of them circulated in manuscript copies in the 18<sup>th</sup> century, many apocryphal works have also been registered.

Printed posthumous edition in: „Semanario erudito que comprehende varias obras ineditas, criticas, morales, instructivas, politicas, historicas, satiricas, y jocosas de nuestros mejores autores antiguos, y modernos. Dalas a luz Don Antonio Valladares de Sotomayor. Tomo decimotercio. Madrid MDCCLXXXVIII [1788]”, the publisher did not give the source. The text of the *Hisp. Quart.* 26 manuscript differs from the manuscripts in the Biblioteca Nacional de España and from the printed text in orthography, notation of numbers, some expressions, e.g. numbers are written in words and orthography is older than in the printed text. With reference to this manuscript, cf. Lemm: s. 106.