

MS. GALL. QUART. 133

Nicolas Chevalier

Binding:

Veneers made of marbled paper; the binding is original; damaged.

History:

It is a copy of a little work published in Utrecht, in 1713, which is indicated by the information on the title page (fol. 1r^o): *LISTE / Des / NOMS ET QUALITEZ / De / LEURS EXCELLENCES / MES SEIGNEURS / Les / Plenipotentiaires / Envoyés et Ministres Publics, qui se trou/vent au Congrès de la Paix Generale, / A UTRECHT / avec leurs Armes, Livrées et Demeurs ; / le tout recueilli, composé, et mis en / ordre Alphabetique / Par / NICOLAS CHEVALIER. / A UTRECHT / Chez NICOLAS CHEVALIER, Marchand Li/braire, et Medailliste à l'Enseigne d'Erasme. / M D C C X III*. The copyist was J. F. Feldmann. The writing is characteristic of the 18th century, therefore, the copy must have been made in the 18th century, after the year 1713, probably in Germany and the history of this manuscript, until World War II, is probably entirely German. It was transferred to the department of manuscripts of the Königliche Bibliothek in Berlin from the department of old prints and it was included in the accession register of the department of manuscripts on the 21st of December 1906, under the number: 1906.242. It was obtained from the mother of the deceased art dealer Arthur in Charlottenburg.

Content:

The printed edition, on the basis of which the copy was made, is kept for instance in Paris, BnF 1G-C-4340. It is something more than just a regular copy, because it contains numerous exceptions. The copyist gave a new form to this work and included information concerning these exceptions which can be found on the page Iir^o (in German). The exceptions refer to the format of the copy and heraldic shields which it includes. Sometimes it seems that the manuscript is better than the edition on which it was based. The heraldic shields added to the

manuscript (they are not present in the edition) had been drawn in feather on the pages 4v^o, 15v^o, 19v^o, 22r^o, 24r^o, 25r^o, 26r^o, 28r^o, 29r^o, 30r^o. On the page 4v^o two heraldic shields are missing; only their contours had been drawn. The manuscript contains the total number of 114 heraldic shields. With reference to this manuscript, cf. Lemm, p. 21.