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Binding:

Halfbinding: spine made of brown leather, covers of marbled paper. Binding (later than the manuscript) was made in the Königliche Bibliothek in Berlin.

History:

The manuscript comes from the first half of the 18th century. Considering the character of the text and the fact that the latest mentioned date is 1699, the copy must have been created after that year. The place of creation was most likely France, perhaps Paris. This can be inferred from the thematic content of the manuscript and the French paper used for its making. The copy holds no traces which would allow the identification of its owners before the accession to the collection of the Königliche Bibliothek in Berlin. The manuscript did not enter the accession register of the library. This means that it must have reached it before 1828 (date of introduction of the accession register). On the other hand, the binding is dated to no later than 1883. This piece information comes from the spine of the volume, which was strengthened from the inside with a clipping of a paper printed in German, bearing the date 1883.

Content:

MÉMOIRE DE LA GENERALITÉ DE PARIS The manuscript is a copy of the text under the same title, written in 1700. Rękopis jest kopią tekstu o tym samym tytule napisanego w 1700. It is a part of a monumental work *Mémoires des Intendants sur l'état des Généralités dressés pour l'instruction du Duc de Bourgogne* and is the result of a report made between 1697 and 1700. The report was meant to supply information on the current state of the kingdom to the Grand Dauphin (Louis, eldest son of Louis XIV, 1661-1711). The work was meant for educational purposes (the Grand Dauphin intended to use it in raising his son) and serve as a census of the population decimated by the famine of 1692. The text of the manuscript was published in *Mémoires des Intendants sur l'état des Généralités dressés pour l'instruction du Duc de Bourgogne. Tome I. Mémoire de la Généralité de Paris* by A.-M. Boislile, Paris, Imprimerie Nationale, 1881.

