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Journal de la campagne de 1769 de l'armée de Russie sous les ordres de monseigneur le Prince Gallizin contre l'armée Ottomane

Binding:

Paper binding, perhaps original, certainly this is the first binding of the manuscript. The protective cards II and IV are made of different paper than the protective cards I and III; perhaps the protective cards I and III, which are somewhat dirty, had been functioning as some kind of protection for the manuscript before it was bound.

History:

The original of the text was made probably in Poland or Russia, but the place of origin of the copy is not certain. The original was made in 1769 or shortly after this year. Considering the fact that the writing of the manuscript is characteristic of the 18th century, the copy must have been made between 1769 and the end of the 18th century. Because the manuscript does not have an accession pressmark, it must have entered the Königlische Bibliothek in Berlin before 1828 (the year when the accession register was introduced).

Content:

Duke of Galitzin was a member of a well-known aristocratic Russian family. The journal included in the manuscript was not written by him. The described events took place on the territories of Poland and Russia. The text clearly divided into particular days resembles the structure of a journal, but this is rather a type of memoirs and not a journal which describes events on a daily basis: the author uses passé simple tense, which gives the impression of a distant perspective. It is therefore possible that the author, the witness to the described events, wrote his text in a different place than the place where these events took place. The account begins on the 10th of April 1769 and until the 30th September it is very detailed, while October and November are summarized on half of a page. The description covers the period until the 16th of November 1769. Cf. a different work which was made more or less in the same period

as the text included in this manuscript and which describes the same events: «Histoire de la guerre entre la Russie et la Turquie, et particulièrement de la Campagne de MDCCLXIX, Avec IX Cartes», à St. Pétersbourg, 1773. With reference to this manuscript, cf. Lemm, p. 17.