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#### Binding:

Half-binding: morocco leather and marbled paper. Marbled paper, which covers the outside part of the binding, is called 'agate' and was in use in the middle of the 19<sup>th</sup> century (cf. Wolfe, pl. XXI, example 5). The binding was made between 1851 (date of the copy) and 1867 (at that time the manuscript comes into possession of William I, the king of Prussia). The binding is original; it was made for Charles Gérard (de Colmar).

#### History:

The copy was made in 1851, of which informs the copyist's colophon containing also other details: *Extrait d'un Volume MSS. écriture du tems, intitulé Registre de l'Expédition de Strasbourg au mois de septembre 1681. in f.<sup>o</sup> n.<sup>o</sup> 663. au Dép. de la Guerre le 9 août 1851. parti le 21 pour les 8 [...]. Revenu le 11 8<sup>bre</sup>. Terminé la Copie le 18<sup>bre</sup>. deux jours par Semaine : mercredi et samedi - de 11 h.<sup>s</sup> à 3 h.* The first owner of the manuscript was Charles Gérard (de Colmar), then in 1867 it came into possession of William I, the king of Prussia, who immediately gave it to Königlische Bibliothek in Berlin. Information about this is in the ex-libris on the front endpaper, which contains the emblem of the Prussian kings and the inscription: *BIBLIOTHECA REGIA BEROLINENSIS. / DONO / WILHELMI / REGIS AUGUSTISSIMI / D. XVIII. IUN. A. MDCCCLXVII. / EX BIBLIOTHECA ALSATICA / D. GERARDI / COLUMBARIENSIS*, as well as the accession register in Staatsbibliothek zu Berlin – Preussischer Kulturbesitz, where the manuscript was registered in 1867, under the number Acc. Gér. 510.

#### Content:

The manuscript contains records of events which resulted in the incorporation of Alsace to France in the 17<sup>th</sup> century. It is a codex descriptus on the basis of the manuscript from Archives du Dépôt de la Guerre de Paris. Records published by Louis Maurer, «L'Expédition de Strasbourg en septembre 1681. Correspondance officielle tirée des archives de la guerre», Préface de M. Arthur Chuquet, membre de l'Institut, Nancy – Paris – Strasbourg 1923. The

blank pages were filled with a text which is irrelevant to the described events, but is devoted to the subject of Alsace. It is a codex descriptus on the basis of the manuscript from Archives de la Guerre.