

MS. GALL. QUART. 82

Bulletin de Versailles – années 1784 et 1785

Binding:

Binding covered with blue-grey paper, very modest; it is the first binding of the manuscript.

History:

The manuscripts gall. quart. 82-84 share common origin and history. The fact that the hands of the copyists are very similar indicates that these three volumes had not been made gradually in the years 1784-1790 (the period when the bulletins copied herein had been published), but they had been rewritten in a short period of time, probably as an order: these three volumes are the copies of the printed bulletins. The date of the making of the copy is the year 1790 (it is the year when the last issues of *Bulletin de Paris* included in the manuscript gall. quart. 84 appeared), or slightly later (the writing seems to be still characteristic of the 18th century). Due to the lack of other data, it has to be assumed that the copies were made in France. The folding of the pages into four parts informs perhaps of the way they had been kept before they were bound; it is possible that the binding was not made immediately after the manuscript had been made. Alterations in pencil were probably made by a later hand; even though they do not appear very often, they indicate that the manuscript was used. On the page Ir^o the old pressmark can be noticed: 118 – this is the very same pressmark as in the manuscripts gall. quart. 83 and 84 and it seems to be the first pressmark for these manuscripts. Above the 118 pressmark there is a subsequent pressmark: N. 230. The manuscript entered the accession register of the Königlische Bibliothek in Berlin on the 8th of May 1847, under the number 3082, as an item purchased at Lippert & Schmidt in Halle.

Content:

The manuscripts gall. quart. 82-84 contain the same bulletin under the titles: *Bulletin de Versailles*, *Bulletin de Fontainebleau* and *Bulletin de Paris*; these are the copies made on the basis of the printed bulletins and as such they are of no textological value. The bulletins

included in this manuscript date from the years 1784 - 1785. With reference to this manuscript, cf. Lemm, p. 19.