

MS. GALL. QUART. 92

Binding:

Binding not original, made in the second half of the 19<sup>th</sup> century in Königliche Bibliothek in Berlin – cf. gilded super ex-libris of this library and the type of marbled paper typical for the bindings made in the 19<sup>th</sup> century in Königliche Bibliothek.

History:

The watermark contains the year 1742. The texts conveyed in the manuscript refer mainly to the years 1745-1746, but also to the year 1750. The manuscript was made in France shortly after that date and it might be assumed that the copy was made in the middle of the 18<sup>th</sup> century. Comments in the margins and alterations were made by somebody different from the copyist: different track of writing, but writing is characteristic for the 18<sup>th</sup> century. It entered the accession register of Königliche Bibliothek in Berlin on 10<sup>th</sup> April 1855. It comes from an antiquarian named Storch, in Prague. The register also contains the following information referring to its provenience: “aus Gräfl. S. Wrbnaschen Bibliotek”.

Content:

The manuscript is divided into three parts. The first part (fol. 2r<sup>o</sup>-102v<sup>o</sup>), devoted to the situation of provinces in the Kingdom of France in 1745, mentions the following *généralités*: Paris, Soissons, Amiens, Châlons, Orléans, Tours, Bourges, Moulins, Riom, Lyon, Grenoble, Montauban, Auch, Bordeaux. In the second part (fol. 107r<sup>o</sup>-192r<sup>o</sup>), referring to the situation in 1746, the following *généralités* are mentioned: Limoges, La Rochelle, Poitiers, Caen, Rouen, Alençon, Bourgogne, Provence, Languedoc, Bretagne. The third part (fol. 196r<sup>o</sup>-272r<sup>o</sup>), also referring to the year 1746, with supplements covering the period until the year 1750, mentions: Pau, Flandres, Hainaut, les Trois-Evêchés, Lorraine, Alsace, Franche-Comté, Roussillon. A different copy of the same texts is, for instance, in the manuscript of the British Library, Add. 8757. Partial publication by A. M. de Boislisle, «Mémoires des Intendants sur l'Etat des Généralités», vol. 1: «Mémoire de la Généralité de Paris», Paris 1881. Cf. Fr. 94-

128 manuscripts from Bibliothèque Publique et Universitaire de Genève. With reference to this manuscript cf. Lemm, p. 19.