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19<sup>th</sup>-century cardboard binding from the Königliche Bibliothek in Berlin. The binding's origin is evidenced by bookboards decorated with marbled paper with a pattern typical for bindings of the Königliche Bibliothek in Berlin.

History:

The manuscript consists of seven parts. Parts a, b, c, d, and e were made by one copyist, while parts f and g by a second one. The manuscript lacks any information about the copyists. Parts a (ff. 1r° – 25v°), b (ff. 26r° – 35v°), c (ff. 36r° – 42v°), d (ff. 43r° – 46v°), e (ff. 47r° – 62v°) are copies of administrative or military reports created in Spain in the early 19<sup>th</sup> century (in/after 1808-1809 period) – this was established on the basis of information in the Texas, on pages 1r° (beginning of part a) *Sevilla 20 de Octubre de 1808*; 35r° (end of part b) *Murcia 23 de Junio de 1809*; 36r° (beginning of part c) *Enero 1809*; 43r° (beginning of part d) *Uclés 13 de Enero de 1809*; 47r° (beginning of part e) *Santa Elena 11 de Junio de 1809*.

Parts f (ff. 63r° – 67v°) and g (ff. 68r° – 74v°) were also created in Spain at the beginning of the 19<sup>th</sup> century (in/after 1809), as evidenced by the information in the texts, on pages 63r° (*Setiembre 1809*) and 74r° (*Sevilla y Agosto de 1809*). The manuscript holds no information about its successive owners. The accession number *Cat.Acc.478* indicates that in 1833 it was sold to the Königliche Bibliothek in Berlin by colonel Schepeler. The manuscript reveals similarities to three other copies marked with pressmarks *Hisp.Qu.53*, *Hisp.Qu.55* and *Hisp.Qu.56*. They make up a single series and reached the Königliche Bibliothek in Berlin at the same time, as suggested by titles on the spines, *Miscelanea de Manuscritos españoles 1*, *2*, *3* and *4*, the same type of binding, identical accession numbers and tables of contents made by the same hand. The same accession numbers also appear in manuscripts

Hisp.Fol.12-14. All the aforementioned specimens come from the Schepeler collection and entered the catalogues of the Königliche Bibliothek in Berlin in 1833.

#### Content:

Parts a – e are copies of administrative and military reports, created in Spain in the early 19<sup>th</sup> century (in 1808-1809). The reports are in the forms of letters.

I (ff. 1r° – 25v°): part a contains a report by an anonymous author, concerning the creation and activities of the *Junta Provincial* in the city of Sevilla. The described activities are related mainly to revolutionary events in Seville. The anonymous author also criticizes the harmful actions of a member of the Spanish aristocracy, Conde de Tilly (at that time the title was held by Miguel Francisco Arizcún y Pineda; <http://www.abcgenealogia.com/Everardo01.html>).

II (ff. 26r° – 35v°) and III (ff. 36r° – 42v°): parts b and c are copies of military reports written by Luis de Villaba, division general of the city of Murcia, and captain Jesualdo Saajosa (no more information about them was found). The first report refers to gathering troops in Saragossa, under the command of general Palafox, and to fighting against French troops during the war of independence. The second report refers to further battles, e.g. the battle of Uclés, and describes the poor state of the Spanish army and bad conditions in which they were to fight.

IV (ff. 43r° – 46v°) and V (ff. 47r° – 62v°): parts d and e refer to the battle of Uclés during the Spanish War of Independence (1808-1814; [http://es.wikipedia.org/wiki/Guerra\\_de\\_la\\_Independencia\\_Española](http://es.wikipedia.org/wiki/Guerra_de_la_Independencia_Española)). Part d is a copy of an eyewitness account delivered by Juan Nicasio Gallego (soldier and deputy, lived at the turn of the 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> centuries, cf. Alejandro de Cantillo, *Tratado de paz y de comercio* in [www.books.google.es](http://www.books.google.es)), while part e contains a report by general Venegas (Spanish general, lived 1760-1838, [http://es.wikipedia.org/wiki/Francisco\\_Xavier\\_Venegas](http://es.wikipedia.org/wiki/Francisco_Xavier_Venegas)) written down for the *Semanario Patriótico* newspaper, also containing a report of the state of the Spanish infantry and artillery (ff. 60v°-61r°; [http://es.wikipedia.org/wiki/Batalla\\_de\\_Uclés\\_\(1809\)](http://es.wikipedia.org/wiki/Batalla_de_Uclés_(1809))).

VI (ff. 63r° – 67v°) and VII (ff. 68r° – 74v°): parts f – g contain copies of documents of the Council of Spain and the Indies. The first document refers to the activities of the *Junta* of the

city of Badajoz after the battle of Talavera (28<sup>th</sup> July 1809) and the activities of the allied English forces at the banks of the Guadiana. The second document contains a critique of the actions of the Junta of Seville. It proposes a liquidation of the *juntas* of individual provinces and reduction of the Central Junta to 3-5 people.

The available sources only provide the information that another copy of the document entitled *Respuesta de los fiscales del Consejo de España e Indias* is a part of the manuscript *Proyecto de creación de un Consejo de Regencia, de una Sección Ejecutiva, de la celebración de Cortes y voto particular del marqués de la Romana. Representaciones de las juntas superiores*, belonging to the collection of Archivo Histórico Nacional (pressmark ES.28079.AHN/1.1.34//ESTADO,2,C), as well as several other documents describing the battle of Uclés (<http://1808-1814escenarios.blogspot.com/2009/01/batalla-de-ucls-13-de-enero-1809-12.html>; <http://1808-1814escenarios.blogspot.com/2009/01/batalla-de-ucls-13-de-enero-1809-22.html>; <http://www.1808-1814.org/papeles/ucles.html>). During a query in the Biblioteca Nacional de España it was found that part e of the manuscript (general Venegas' messages) is referred to by *Noticias* on pages 67, 155, 196, 210, 224, and 237 of Antonio Garnica Silva's (ed.) publication *Obra completa de José Blanco White. Periódicos políticos*, vol. 1, *Semanario Patriótico*, Granada 2005 (pressmark 5/65802 vol.1).