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Binding:

Half-binding: morocco leather and marbled paper. It is not the original binding: it was made around the middle of the 19th century, at the time when the manuscript was kept in the collection of Charles Gérard (de Colmar). However, it is the first binding.

History:

The manuscript consists of two codicological units: a-b. Part *a*, which is the main part of the manuscript, was made at the end of the 18th or at the beginning of the 19th century. Its place of origin is Alsace, perhaps the town of Colmar. Part *b*, which contains two texts, was made in the 18th century, probably in Alsace. The owner of the manuscript was Charles Gérard (de Colmar). Then, in 1867, the manuscript came into possession of William I, the king of Prussia, who immediately gave it to the Königliche Bibliothek in Berlin. Information about this is on the ex-libris on the front endpaper, on which there is 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 entry to the Staatsbibliothek zu Berlin – Preussischer Kulturbesitz, where the manuscript was registered in 1867 under the number Acc. Gér. 2185.

Content:

The manuscript contains three texts. The author of the first text is probably Jean-Baptiste-Antoine Chauffour, known as l'Aîné, a solicitor (1765-1834). With reference to this figure cf. « Notice biographique sur M. Chauffour » par M. (« Album alsacien », I, Strasbourg 1838, pp. 90-92). This text might not have been published; other manuscripts have not been found. The original of the second text was made in Paris, on 17th April 1738. This text also might not have been published; other manuscripts have not been found. The original of the third text was made on 26th April 1738. Probably this text had not been published in print; fragments of

prints have been kept in the 1186 manuscript in the Bibliothèque nationale et universitaire de Strasbourg (anc. Alsacien 526), pp. 335-336. With reference to this collection, cf. Lemm, p. 12.