

Ms. Gall. Qu. 102

Binding:

Half-binding: spine of red leather, covers of marbled paper. On the spine there is embossed title in gilt letters: *F. CHAUFFOUR. LE WAGKELLER.*

History:

The manuscript was completed in 1859. This information comes from the copyist who left a note (3r^o) beneath which there is his signature and date: *Aout 1859* [August 1859]. *Ch[arle]s Gérard*. The note contains the name of the author of the original. It is Felix Chauffour (cf. infra). On the front endpaper there is the ex-libris with the coat of arms of the Prussian kings with the inscription: *BIBLIOTHECA REGIA BEROLINENSIS. / DONO / WILHELMI / REGIS AUGUSTISSIMI / D. XVIII. IUN. A. MDCCCLXVII. / EX BIBLIOTHECA ALSATICA / D. GERARDI / COLUMBARIENSIS*. In 1867 Wilhelm I (1797-1888) took possession of a part of the book collection of Felix Chauffour, and then handed it over (together with ms. Gall. Quart. 102) to the Königliche Bibliothek in Berlin. The manuscript was entered to the accession register of this library under No. Acc. Gér. 848 in 1867, together with the information about its origin: «Elsässische Büchersammlung d. Advocaten [Charles] Gérard». Considering the fact that the fact comes from Colmar (Alsace), it is assumed that the copy was made there.

Content:

FÉLIX CHAUFFOUR : NOTICE SUR LA SOCIÉTÉ DU WAGKELLER DE COLMAR (1r^o-25v^o). The manuscript contains the description of the WagKeller association. It is authored by Felix Chauffour (1718-1806), a lawyer and city legal adviser. The origins of the association go back to the Middle Ages. It gathered people of all classes and occupations with the goal of organising friendly meetings of its members. The manuscript's text was published by Ch. Bartholdi: «Notice sur la Société du Waagkeller à Colmar», in: «Curiosités d'Alsace», vol. II, Colmar/Paris/Strasbourg/Stuttgart, Barth/Aubry/Noiriel/Oetingen, 1863, pp. 56-78. While

preparing this edition, the publisher used the text from the library in Colmar (Katalog Chauffour, mss n° 85). « Bibliographie de la ville de Colmar » (publ. A. Waltz, Colmar 1902) provides information that the edition's text was based on a copy made by Ignacy Chauffour (1808-1879), a lawyer and well-known bibliophile. Ch. Bartholdi (text's publisher) states that the original belonged to notary Felix Chauffour who permitted the copy to be made. Ms. Gall. Quart. 102 may, therefore, be a reproduction of this copy or the original.