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#### Binding:

Original binding made from red leather, golden embossing on the spine and the covers. Pastedowns and flyleaves made of white paper. Gilded page edges.

#### History:

The manuscript is major Henri-Jean Baptiste de Bousmard's autograph. What proves it is his signature under a dedicatory letter on page 3 of the manuscript. The letter is addressed to Frederick William II and includes the following data concerning date and place: *Berlin, ce 19 mars 1797*. After the monarch's death in November the same year, the manuscript was kept in his son's library, which we know from a bookplate saying *Ex bibliotheca Augustissimi Regis Friderici Wilhelmi III* on the initial pastedown. On the 16<sup>th</sup> of October 1844 the manuscript was handed over by the king to the Königliche Bibliothek in Berlin.

#### Content:

The manuscript includes a text conceived by the author as the fifth book of a work entitled *Essai général de fortification et d'attaque et défense des places*. *Essai* was published for the first time in Berlin in 1789, however, this version did not contain book five, which was later published in print under the title *Des tentatives à faire pour perfectionner l'art de fortifier les places*. Moreover, the manuscript includes the *Journal* text, a text usually published as an appendix to *Essai général*. With reference to this manuscript cf. Lemm, p. 10.