

MS. GALL. OCT. 15

Binding:

Half-binding (brown leather and parchment with marbled paper) in bad state of preservation. The binding was made at the Königliche Bibliothek in Berlin (cf. super ex-libris of this library), in 1847. Although the binding does not come from the same period as the manuscript, it is probably its first binding.

History:

This is a manuscript written by the hand of an author. With reference to its dating cf. 1794 (fol. 1r^o) and 8. *Octobre 94* (fol. 126v^o). It was probably made in Germany. It certainly served a purpose of publishing this work: cf. *imprimatur Schlüter* (fol. 1r^o, 3r^o, 71v^o, 73r^o), *imprimatur Schlüter le 6. Septembre* (fol. 72v^o), *imprimatur Schlüter 8. Octobre 94* (fol. 126v^o). The manuscript was incorporated in Königliche Bibliothek in Berlin in 1847.

Content:

It is the first volume of the gall. oct. 15-17 group. « La Vie du Général Dumouriez », conveyed in this manuscript, should not be confused with « Mémoires du Général Dumouriez » which were published several times: London 1794, Hamburg and Leipzig 1794, Frankfurt and Leipzig 1794. « Mémoires » consists of two books and begins with the year 1793, whereas « Vie » consists of six books, begins with the birth of general Dumouriez and reaches 1793. « Mémoires » were published in one volume, whereas « Vie » was published in three volumes, which correspond exactly to the three gall. oct. 15-17 manuscripts. With reference to « Mémoires » cf. « Courtes réflexions sur les 'Mémoires du Général Dumourrier' par l'auteur du Tableau historique de la France révolutionnaire », without a date and name of a place where it was published. The manuscript corresponds exactly to the print edition of « La Vie du Général Dumouriez », which was published in Hamburg in 1795. The manuscript was the basis for this edition, and therefore it is of a high textological value. Between the edition and the manuscript there are minor differences in the use of typographic signs, capital

and small letters, and minor textual differences introduced, perhaps by the author while preparing the print edition. With reference to this manuscript, cf. Lemm, p. 23.