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The manuscript contains (in this order) the following texts: a letter of a Benedictine Father to Johann Christoph von Bartenstein (1689-1767), an Austrian politician, focusing on various aspects of the Christian faith; an anonymous epitaph for young baron Bortenstein (Bartenstein?); a fragment of a work published in 1782 in the *Mémoires de médecine et de physique médicale tirés des registres de la Société Royale de médecine* magazine, entitled *Mémoire sur une méthode nouvelle, facile, prompte et peu dispendieuse de préparer l'opium*; a fragment of a work published in 1786 in the *Journal de Médecine Militaire* magazine, entitled *Projet d'une géographie médicale de la France*; an anonymous text entitled *Bouclier Palatin ou éclaircissements sur la déclaration du roi de France*; a copy of a letter Louis XIV to marquis de Béthune (= Maximilien IV Pierre de Béthune, 1640-1694 ?); a fragment of a text by an unknown author, thematically related to the two

previous texts; an unpublished text by Samuel Chappuzeau, *Additions pour le Nouveau Dictionnaire Historique*; an anonymous text entitled *Route de Moscou à Tabol*; a copy of a letter from Mr. Mehemet to Mr. Mustafa; and an anonymous text entitled *Lettre où on fait voir que le Danemark a toujours cherché à opprimer la cour de Gottorp*. With reference to this manuscript, cf. Lemm p. 9-10.