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Binding:

The spine is made of cloth, the veneers are made of marbled paper. The binding was certainly made at the Königliche Bibliothek in Berlin. Although this is not the original binding made in the same period as the manuscript, it is the first binding of this manuscript.

History:

The manuscript is an autograph made on the 27th of March 1789, probably in Alsace, and it contains corrections made by the same hand which wrote the text. It was purchased by the Königliche Bibliothek in Berlin on the 15th of March 1859, in Augsburg.

Content:

The manuscript contains instructions of a deputy from Alsace elected to the States-General, the assembly of which began on the 5th of May 1789. These instructions were made by him for himself or for another deputy. The manuscript contains articles to which these instructions were related. There is the total number of 46 articles in this manuscript, which are the demands to the States-General: cf. e.g. *les Etats généraux examineront ...* (article 11, fol. 2v^o), *Les Etats généraux détermineront ...* (article 18, fol. 4r^o), and the revolutionary spirit is present in them: cf. e.g. *la liberté de la presse sera établie ...* (article 16, fol. 3v^o). These instructions are actually addressed to the deputies: cf. e.g. *Les députés seront autorisés à voter pour ...* (fol. 4r^o); perhaps then they should be treated as the instructions for the deputies of Alsace. The separatist and individualist tendencies can be seen in this text: cf. *que l'Alsace soit rétablie et maintenue dans l'intégrité des privileges de Province étrangère ...* (article 38, fol. 8r^o). On the pages 13r^o-14v^o there are notes mainly in German, but also in French, which concern the political and legislative matters of Alsace and refer to the content of the manuscript. These notes were added slightly later. It seems that the instructions included in this manuscript were not published. With reference to this manuscript, cf. Lemm, p. 12.