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**Binding:**

Binding made from marbled paper in the Königliche Bibliothek in Berlin. The super ex-libris of this library is embossed on the front cover.

**History:**

The manuscript was dated on the basis of the handwriting to the 1720s (cf. Hermann Degering, "Die Schrift", Berlin: Ernst Wasmuth, 1929, pp. XXXV and 206–208). Considering the fact that Queen Christina Vasa (1626–1689) spent the last years of her life in Rome where the majority of her writing is located (she was also buried there), it should be presumed that the copyist must have gone there in order to make a copy. The manuscript was entered to the accession register of the Königliche Bibliothek in Berlin on the 26<sup>th</sup> of June 1882. The register also quotes the origin of the manuscript as the gift from Mews, police lieutenant from Berlin.

**Content:**

The first text in the volume refers to the gatherings of protestants and is addressed to an unidentified monarch (*Memoire contenant en abregé les moyens de procurer la reunion des Protestants* (1r<sup>o</sup>-6r<sup>o</sup>)). The remaining texts are copies of letters of Queen Christina Vasa (in French and Italian). The letters were published in "Memoires concernant Christine Reine de Suede" by Johan Arckenholtz, Amsterdam, Leipzig 1751-1760, vol. 1-2. Their list is presented below:

(7r<sup>o</sup>-8v<sup>o</sup>) Christina Vasa to an anonymous addressee: Rome, 2<sup>nd</sup> f February 1686.

(8v<sup>o</sup>-9v<sup>o</sup>) Christina Vasa to an anonymous addressee: Rome, 18<sup>th</sup> of May 1686.

(9v<sup>o</sup>-10r<sup>o</sup>) Christina Vasa to an anonymous addressee: Rome, 1<sup>st</sup> of June 1686.

(10r<sup>o</sup>-v<sup>o</sup>) Christina Vasa to Pope Innocent XI, without place of posting, 1687, letter in Italian.

(10v<sup>o</sup>-12r<sup>o</sup>) Christina Vasa to Magdalena de Scudéry: Rome, 30<sup>th</sup> of September 1687.

(12r<sup>o</sup>-13r<sup>o</sup>) Christina Vasa to Cardinal Azzolino: without date or place of posting.

(13r<sup>o</sup>-16r<sup>o</sup>) Christina Vasa to Count Wasenau (Wasenhof): without date or place of posting.

(16r<sup>o</sup>-19r<sup>o</sup>) Christina Vasa to Prince/ Duke Adolf: without date or place of posting.

(19r<sup>o</sup>-v<sup>o</sup>) Pierre Chanut to Queen Christina Vasa: without date or place of posting.

- (20r<sup>o</sup>-21v<sup>o</sup>) Christina Vasa to Count Magnus Gabriel de la Gardie: without date or place of posting.
- (21v<sup>o</sup>-22r<sup>o</sup>) Pierre Chanut to Queen Christina Vasa: without date or place of posting.
- (22r<sup>o</sup>-23r<sup>o</sup>) Christina Vasa to Prince of Condé (Louis II de Bourbon-Condé): without date or place of posting.
- (23r<sup>o</sup>-25r<sup>o</sup>) French ambassador (P. Chanut ?) to the King of Sweden (probably Charles Gustav, successor of Christina): without date or place of posting.
- (25r<sup>o</sup>-26v<sup>o</sup>) Pierre Chanut to Queen Christina: without date or place of posting.
- (26v<sup>o</sup>-28r<sup>o</sup>) Christina Vasa to King Jan III Sobieski of Poland: without date or place of posting, letter in Italian.
- (29r<sup>o</sup>-31v<sup>o</sup>) Cardinal de Bouillon (1643-1715) to an unidentified monarch (probably Louis XIV): without date or place of posting.