

gall. fol. 218

Binding:

Binding made of green paper, the spine bears the title *1. Duo[decim] MS. Gallica. 2. Sus: Rūgerin Vision 3. Status Regni Bohemici in MS* in faded ink. Pastedowns and flyleaves of white paper. The binding has no elements which would allow precise dating. Three separate manuscripts were bound together some time after their production.

History:

The manuscript is made up of three separate codicological units. First of them, *a*, was most likely created in France, in the 17th century, later than 1633, that is after the date of publication of the print, of which the manuscript is a transcript. Part *b* was created after 1630 (cf. date on fol. 141r^o). Since the text of this part was written in German, it suggests that Germany was the most likely place of its production. Part *c* was created after 1632 (cf. date on fol. 219v^o). The language of the text is Latin. It is difficult to construct any hypothesis as to its place of origin. The manuscript was first held in the university library in Erfurt, called *Bibliotheca Academiæ Erffurtensis Boineburgica* since 1720. In 1816, after closure of the University, the collection in its entirety was taken over by the *Königliche Preußische Bibliothek zu Erfurt*. In 1908, the collection was divided and part of it (about 200 manuscripts, 700 incunabula, 5000 printed books) was presented to the *Königliche Bibliothek* in Berlin.

Content:

Parts *b* and *c*, containing texts in Latin and German, are of no interest to us in this research focusing on Romance manuscripts. Part *a* is predominantly a transcript from a book published in print in 1632 under the title *Recueil de quelques discours politiques, escrits sur diverses occurrences des affaires et guerres estrangeres, depuis 15. ans en ça*. It is a collection of political speeches from 1617-1632. Their unspecified author(s) deal with the full spectrum of political problems of the time: the Valtellina invasion, current affairs of Germany, France, etc. The gall. fol. 218 manuscript is an exact copy of the print – the

differences are purely graphical. Therefore, the Krakow exemplar lacks significant textological value. One exception is a text from fols. 133r^o-138r^o, dated in its heading: *Du mois de Janvier 1625*. It refers to relations between Spain and France and may be of interest to historians dealing with this period.