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Binding:

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History:

The manuscript is an autograph by Ludwig Wisman, the secretary of count von Erbach between 1632 and 1645, created in the county of Erbach, dedicated to count von Erbach, Georg Albrecht I (1597-1647). It entered the accession register of the Preussische Staatsbibliothek in Berlin on 6th may 1933, with the following information referring to its provenance: "Buchhandling J. Franck, Würzburg". For a long time the manuscript belonged to counts von Erbach, then to an antiquarian in Würzburg, finally, to the Preussische Staatsbibliothek.

Content:

No information about the author can be obtained. The text was not published, perhaps for a reason – it is full of language errors. It is a description of the author's voyage to the East and a sort of guidebook for those who might be planning a similar journey. It consists of the following chapters: *Dédicace au comte d'Erpach* (fol. 3r^o-v^o), *Instruction pour ceux qui desirent faire le Voyage de Venise en Levant* (fol. 5r^o-8v^o), *Voyage de Venise à Constantinople, avec description de plusieurs Isles et villes qui sont en la Mer, faisant le Dict Voyage* (fol. 9r^o-19v^o), *Description de la Ville de Constantinople* (fol. 20r^o-27r^o), *Description de la Cour du Roy Ottoman en Constantinople* (fol. 27v^o-51v^o), *Abregé des royaumes, provinces, Chasteaux, subjects à la puissance des Empereurs Ottomans* (fol. 52r^o-55r^o), *Le Voyage de Constantinople à Jherusalem* (fol. 55v^o-76v^o), *Description de la Sainte Cité de Jherusalem* (fol. 77r^o-108v^o), *Voyage de Hierusalem en Grand Caire* (fol. 109r^o-110r^o), *Description de la ville du Grand Caire* (fol. 110r^o-119r^o), *Voyage du Grand Caire en*

Alexandrie, avec la Description d'icelle ville (fol. 119r^o-122r^o), untitled (fol. 122v^o-125r^o),
Briefve description de l'Isle de Malte (fol. 125r^o-127r^o), *Description de la Ville de Siracusa*
(fol. 127v^o-128v^o), *Description de la Ville Augusta* (fol. 128v^o-129r^o), *Description de la Ville*
de Messina en Sicile (fol. 129r^o-v^o), *Brève postface* (fol. 129v^o). Detailed description.