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Binding:

Original binding made of yellowed parchment, marks from tearing out the ties.

History:

The manuscript is not an autograph. The *terminus post quem* of its origin can be indicated due to the year 1621 which appears on fols. 14r^o and 88r^o. The manuscript must have been made in the 17th century, considering the characteristic features of writing and the binding. Taking into account the language of the copy and watermarks of the paper (“grapes” type, characteristic of the French manufactures) it is almost certain that it was made in France. On the front endpaper there is the call number Z:5Z. Similar call numbers can be found in the manuscripts gall. oct. 4, gall. oct. 11, gall. quart. 18 and ital. oct. 1; however, it was not possible to identify their common owner. Because the manuscript does not have the accession number, it must have been included in the collection of the Königliche Bibliothek before 1828, which is the year when the acquisition register was introduced.

Content:

The manuscript contains models of letters for various occasions: complaints, requests, recommendations, etc. The author provided examples from real letters, however, he erased all the names, which makes it impossible to identify their origin. The letters are divided into thematic groups. Moreover, the manuscript contains a list of politeness formulas (fol. 161r^o-165r^o). With reference to this manuscript, cf. Lemm, p. 15.