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Friedrich von Gentz

Binding:

The manuscript does not have a binding, it consists of loose bifoliums kept in a cardboard box.

History:

The title of the text included in the manuscript: *Journal du séjour d'Erfurt Octobre 1806*, which was placed on the box, was written by the same hand as in the case of the manuscripts gall. quart. 86-87 and 89 (it is a different hand than the hand of the text). Comparison with the original letters, written in French by Friedrich von Gentz, excludes the idea that the text is original: cf. the manuscript Aut. 58 Gentz (from the Preussische Staatsbibliothek in Berlin, presently kept in the Jagiellonian Library in Cracow). This is a regular copy made by an anonymous copyist, shortly after the original had been made, in 1806 or shortly after this, in Germany or in Austria. From the very beginning the manuscript shares its history with the manuscripts gall. quart. 86-87 and 89. On the 21st of July 1851 the manuscript entered the accession register of the Königliche Bibliothek in Berlin and it comes from a person named Ambruster (Carl Ambruster in Vienna? J. Ambruster in Leipzig?).

Content:

The manuscript contains the work of Friedrich von Gentz (1764-1832), a German publicist in the service of Austria and the king of Prussia. This is a copy which was made immediately after the original had been completed. The original was made in October 1806 as a direct result of the author's journey – cf. with reference to the date see the title page (p. 1): *Journal / De ce qui m'est arrivé de plus marquant dans la voyage [sic !] que j'ai fait au quartier général de S. M.^{te} le Roi de Prusse : Le 2. d'Octobre 1806. et jours suivans.* This is a journal published in «Mémoires et lettres inédits du chevalier de Gentz» par Gustave Schlesier, Stuttgart 1841, pp. 221-346. This is the first complete printed edition of this text in the

original language, in which it was written. With reference to the journal included in the manuscript, cf. l'Introduction: edition Schlesier (pp. XVII-XIX). Considering the date of origin of the manuscript, it might be important for the tradition of this text. With reference to this manuscript, cf. Lemm, p. 19.