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Título de Marqués de Valparaíso a Don Francisco González de Andía Irarrázaval

Binding:

Original binding made of purple velvet, with traces of yellow embroidery (embroidered binding), which is also defined as a fine binding. This type of binding had been used in Spain since the 14th century and it was reserved for the documents of the royalty and gentry.

Iconography (ornaments):

On the first pages of the manuscript there are coloured miniatures, which represent a map and a crest of Guipúzcoa province (2r^o), a map and a crest of Vizcaya province (2v^o), heraldic shields of the marquises de Valparaíso (3r^o) and conferment of the the title of Marqués de Valparaíso upon Don Francisco González de Andía Irarrázaval by Philip IV (3v^o). On the borders of the miniatures, on ff. 2r^o-v^o, there are similar decorative inscriptions in gilt: *MERIDIES, SEPTENTRIO, ORIENS, OCCIDENS.*

History:

The manuscript is probably an autograph, which was made in Madrid in 1632. Dating and the place of origin have been established on the basis of the information in the text. It was made by the royal secretary, Antonio Allosa Rodarte. Below the text there are signatures of king Philip IV and members of aristocracy. The next owner of the manuscript, whose name is represented by the *PT* initials, placed in the manuscript several notes in pencil. Lack of accession number indicates that the manuscript entered the collection of the Royal Library at Berlin before 1828, when the accession register was introduced.

Content:

The manuscript contains the act of conferring the title of Marquis de Valparaíso by Philip IV (1605-1665) upon the member of an aristocratic Chilean family, Francisco González de Andía Irarrázaval,

residing in Spain (cf. e.g. A.A. de Cadenas y Lopez *Títulos nobilitarios con grandeza de España concedidos en Indias*, Hidalguia, Madrid 1984; Francisco le Dantec *Crónicas del viejo Valparaíso*, Santiago de Chile 2003; Internet documents *Historia general de Chile* or *Nobleza en Chile, Registro Internacional de Armas Gentilicias*). The text lists the territories under the reign of king Philip IV, the most important contributions of the members of the Irarrázaval family are mentioned in chronological order, beginning with the year 1384, there are descriptions of heroic deeds of Francisco González de Andía Irarrázaval and prizes received from the king. The document ends with the formula conferring the title of Marqués de Valparaíso.