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Documentos del Archivo General de Simancas de Gustav Bergenroth. Vol. II

Binding:

Half binding; spine made of brown leather; end boards covered with marbled paper similar to German Marbre type, in use from mid-19th century; the binding is not typical for the Königliche Bibliothek, but could be German due to the nationality of the first owner, as well as the following owner of the manuscript, who presented the entire Bergenroth collection to the Berlin collection in 1896. The binding was made approximately between the late 1860s and 1896.

History:

The tome is one of the parts of a eleven-part whole, containing materials collected by the German historian Gustav Adolf Bergenroth (1813-1869) in Spanish, French and Belgian archives, thematically connected with the history of England under the Tudors. Volumes I-VI contain transcripts of documents and notes based on them, with comments, made partly for Bergenroth by other, anonymous persons, and partly probably made by the historian himself. Volumes VII-XI are an index of all the materials consulted and/or copied during a query and research work conducted by Bergenroth in the 1860s in Simancas, Madrid, Paris and other places, prepared by the same hand, probably Bergenroth's. The date and location of volume II should be approximately located around 1862-1868 in Spain and/or Great Britain, as suggested by dates in the texts and watermarks of paper mills in Spain and Great Britain, as well as historical information on Bergenroth and his research activities – he emigrated (after 1848) to London, where he dealt with the history of Anglo-Spanish relations under the Tudors. It is safe to assume that the tome is partly an autograph. Volume II, together with the other volumes of the Bergenroth collection, was presented to the Berlin Library in October 1896, by Paul Friedmann. This was probably a German philanthropist (1840-?), interested in the history of the Tudors similarly to Bergenroth, the author of a book on Anne Boleyn. Therefore, it is a gift willed by the first owner, Gustav Bergenroth. Gustav Bergenroth's manuscripts from the Königliche Bibliothek are part of a larger whole

of handwritten materials, currently scattered in several European institutions. The British Library in London holds 26 volumes of handwritten document copies and notes, made by Gustav Bergenroth in the archive in Simancas and other private and public collections in Spain, as well as in state archives in Paris and Brussels (signature numbers: Additional MSS. 28572-28597). The Public Record Office in London holds 14 volumes of transcripts from Simancas, Madrid, Barcelona and other places in Spain (Signature numbers: PRO 31/11/2-7; PRO 31/11/8; PRO 31/11/11; PRO 31/11/13-14; PRO 31/11/9-11; PRO 31/11/12), prepared by Bergenroth and Pascual de Gayangos y Arce (1809-1897), a known historian, Arabist and Spanish bibliographer, cataloguing Spanish manuscripts in the collection of the British Library in London (especially Bergenroth's materials after his death in 1869).

Content:

The tome contains full transcripts of documents, as well as extracts from documents and handwritten notes. The materials, grouped under several thematic titles, are related mainly to events from the period of 1488-1534. The tome contains mostly materials in Spanish, but also in English, French, Italian and Latin. Transcripts or editions of this manuscript were not found, but Bergenroth's research led to the publication of a work entitled *Calendar of Letters, Departures, and state papers relating to the Negotiations between England and Spain preserved in the archives at Simancas and elsewhere published by G. A. Bergenroth*, 13 vol., London, 1862-1868. On the biography and research of Bergenroth, cf. W. C. Cartwright, *«Gustave Bergenroth: a memorial sketch»*, Edinburgh, 1870. With reference to the manuscript, cf. Lemm p. 97.