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Binding:

Parchment binding, typical of Spain in the 17th and 18th centuries, endpapers made of white paper, green edges, original, 18th century.

History:

The manuscript is not an autograph. It was made after the 10th of November 1740 (day on which the editing of the original was finished), probably in Spain (Macanaz, who was in exile in France from 1715 – 1748, regularly sent his writings to his homeland; throughout the whole 18th century in Spain there were many copies of unpublished works of this prolific politician and historian). The manuscript does not contain the name of its first owner or any notes indicating its history. We do not know how it reached the Königliche Bibliothek. Lack of accession number indicates that it was owned by the Königliche Bibliothek before 1828, the year when the accession register was established

Content:

The manuscript includes the first part of the text, its second and third part can be found in Hisp. Quart. 38. It is a memorial prepared by Melchor de Macanaz *Representacion hecha al Rey, D. Phelipe V. en justificacion del escrito de 55. §§...*, in which this royalist politician tries to justify himself once more to the king of Spain, Philip V, and describes unfair treatment by the Inquisition, stressing its arbitrariness and impunity. The memorial, probably made ready for printing in Paris, was not printed during its author's life or after his death. The manuscripts are in the Biblioteca Nacional de España in two or three volumes under titles differing in length and orthography of names: *Representación hecha por D. ----- al Rey en justificación del escrito de 55 párrafos que prohibió el Cardenal Judice, Inquisidor General, por edicto de 30 de julio de 1714*. ms. 10741/43; ms. 12508; v.a. ms.10741-10743, ms.10785-10787; they can also be found in other Spanish and European libraries. Compared to the BNE

copies, the Krakow manuscript differs in orthography, notation of numbers, content. With reference to this manuscript, cf. Lemm: p. 107.