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Binding:

 19^{th} -century quarter binding (335 × 215 mm), with a super ex libris of the Königliche Bibliothek, spine and corners of artificial leather. Binding covered in marbled paper. Spine with the inscription *J1 Regno di Napoli* tooled in gold.

History:

Dating on the basis of writing and content (the date 1708 on f. $66v^{\circ}$). The manuscript probably remained unbound for a long time (the first and last card is badly damaged) - perhaps the first binding was the one made by the Königliche Bibliothek. The manuscript comes from the Starhemberg family collection (Riedegg and then Efferding), purchased by the Royal Library in Berlin in $1889 - (1r^{\circ})$ accession number: acc. 1889.150.

Content:

ff. $1r^{\circ}$ - $66v^{\circ}$ Discorsi teologici e politici intorno a' Benefici del Regno di Napoli. (Political and theological discourse on benefices in the Kingdom of Naples). $(1r^{\circ})$ Introduction. $(1v^{\circ}-27v^{\circ})$ Discourse I. $(27v^{\circ}-38r^{\circ})$ Discourse II. $(38r^{\circ}-49v^{\circ})$ Discourse III. $(50r^{\circ}-66v^{\circ})$ Discourse IV. A treatise in four parts on church benefices, i.e. prebendaries, bishoprics, parishes and others in the Kingdom of Naples. The text takes up three quarters of a page, leaving the left margin of each page free for notes.