

ITAL. QUART. 36

Binding:

Original parchment binding from the 17th century (225 × 160 mm). Tooled in gold. Marks of a label. Paper with golden motives on endpapers. Gilded book edges.

History:

Dating established on the basis of a watermark (a similar watermark from 1693 in Heawood, 1636): the end of the 17th century. The manuscript was made in Rome, without any obvious dialectal characteristics, with slight southern influences (doubling of some consonants between vowels: *datta, doppo, pocco*). There are some notes of later readers in the manuscripts, which, however, can not be ascribed to one specific person. No marks of other owners apart from the Königliche Bibliothek: (Iv^o) accession number: *Acc.9822* – the manuscript purchased from Stett in Breslau (Wrocław) on the 17th of July 1873. (1r^o) catalogue number: *Ms. Ital. Quarto 36*. (1r^o, 36v^o) stamp of the Königliche Bibliothek.

Lemm, p. 80.

Content:

ff. 1r^o-36v^o OPINIONE DEL PADRE PAOLO SERVITA, CONSULTOR DI STATO, COME DEBBA GOVERNARSI INTERNAMENTE ED ESTERNAMENTE LA REPUBBLICA DI VENEZIA PER AVERE IL PERPETUO DOMINIO. (Opinion of Paolo Sarpi ...).

A. Bianchi-Giovini in “Biografia di frà Paolo Sarpi, teologo e consultore di stato della Repubblica Veneta”, vol. II, Basilea 1847, p. 479 proves that the treaty was incorrectly attributed to Paolo Sarpi. Bianchi-Giovini claims, that the work is ascribed to Sarpi on purpose, in order to discredit his name. The first edition of the text, whose author has no hesitation in recommending deception, hypocrisy and fear to rulers as methods of governing, was published in 1681 under the title: “Opinione del Padre Paolo Servita, consultor di stato, come debba governarsi internamente ed esternamente la repubblica di Venezia per avere il perpetuo dominio”. It was later reprinted as “Memoria presentata al Senato” and “Ricordi al principe e Senato veneto” and was also translated into French, Edition:

“Opinione del Padre Paolo Servita...”, 1681. The first work questioning Sarpi’s authorship appeared as early as 1685 and was entitled: “Opinione falsamente ascritta a Padre Paolo Servita...”. In comparison with the first edition the ital. quart. 36 manuscript includes small differences.