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ITAL. QUART. 37

Binding:

Original marbled leather binding ($230 \times 170 \text{ mm}$). Tooled in gold. 5 raised bands. Inside covers and protective leaves in marbled paper (18^{th} -century, ~Devauchelle, III, tav. III). Red edges.

History:

Dating on the basis of the colophon: (6v°) Dat[o] in N[ost]ro D[uca]li Pal[azz]o Die V Junij Ind. VI MDCCLXXXVIII Piero Alberti Seg[reta]rio e (51v°) 5 Giug[n]o MDCCLXXXVIII Valentin Marini N. Dl. The manuscript remained in Venice until 1857, when it was purchased by Heinschneider (cf. f. Iv°in pencil: Gekauft in Venedig 1857 Heinschneider). The Königliche Bibliothek purchased the codex in 1873-1875 (cf. accession number: Acc.10.091). Lemm, p. 80.

Content:

CAPITOLI RIGUARDANTI GLI EBREI DI VENEZIA (Chapters on Jews in Venice)

Instructions applying to Jews' residence in Venice. Issued by Paolo Renier. They mostly reiterate of previously issued instructions. They begin with an introduction by the hand of secretary Piero Alberti. He explains the legal basis for the instructions. The main part is 96 chapters, which were to remain in force through 10 following years (from 1788 to 1798) – this part was written by secretary Valentin Marini (5th June 1788). The previous instructions (from 1777), almost identical in content, were printed in 1777 (cf. print in Biblioteca Universitaria di Padova, busta 510, n° 10). It can be assumed that the instructions from 1788 were also printed – they have not been found, however. A bibliographic study of the Venetian legislature in A. Valsecchi, "Bibliografia analitica della legislazione della Repubblica di Venezia", in *Archivio Veneto* tomo VI, parte I (1873), pp. 267-273 (part V. Leggi sulla capacità giuridica degli Ebrei).