

ITAL. QUART. 40

Binding:

Original binding from the 19th century (303 × 210 mm) covered in marbled paper (~Marbled Papers, XXXIII, 127). Made in Italy. Four binds. The binding in bad condition: some pages (from page 278) and the back part of the cover are torn out. The spine from parchment. The following inscription on the spine: *Dizio / geografico / di Tunis*.

History:

The manuscript was written by the same hand as ital. quart. 39, with a very similar binding (especially of the 2nd volume), with a subsequent accession number and originating from the same source (*acc.* 10,926; 1879; the Royal Academy of Sciences in Berlin). Similar to ital. quart. 39 owner's stamp: *J.Scaparone / Pharmacien / Constantine*.

Lemm, p. 80.

Content:

ff. 1r^o-282v^o G. NICULY (DETTO LIMBERI): DIZIONARIO GEOGRAFICO COMPARATO DEL REGNO DI TUNIS (Geographical dictionary of the Kingdom of Tunis). The dictionary is an encyclopaedic work, probably unpublished. It contains information on geography, history, economy, culture and ethnography of the Kingdom of Tunis. It consists of five parts (the Prologue, Introduction, Dictionary, Comments and the Supplement). In the Prologue the author explains the reason behind writing the work including inaccuracy of and numerous mistakes in descriptions of the Kingdom of Tunis in available publications. In the Introduction he presents geographical and political history of the North Africa. The central part, the Dictionary contains encyclopaedic entries with Italian and Arabic names. The fourth part consists of author's notes and the Supplement contains information complementing the Dictionary.