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Binding:

Quarter binding (215×152 mm) dating from the 19th century, covered with marbled paper (~Marbled Paper, plate XXXIV, 136). On the spine, which is tooled in blind and in gold, there is the title: *Commercio de' Venetiani in Egitto nel Sec. 15 e 16*.

History:

On the basis of the writing and with respect to the date which appears in the manuscript (1574), the manuscript can date from the end of the 16th century. However, there are no clues as to who might have been the first owner and the next owners. The manuscript reached Berlin before 1828, which is indicated by the lack of an accession number. In 1862 it was lent to the Königliche Landesbibliothek de Stuttgart, where it was the subject of research of Wilhelma Heyda. (Iir^o) the label with the description of the manuscript written in German by the hand of Heyd (the 7th of November 1862).

Lemm, p.78; F. Wilken, "Über die Venetianischen Consuln zu Alexandrien im 15. und 16. Jahrhundert", in: Abhandlungen der Königlischen Akademie der Wissenschaften zu Berlin, historisch-philologische Klasse, (1831) , p. 29 – 46; W. Heyd, "Le colonie commerciali degli Italiani in Oriente nel medio evo", Venezia-Torino 1866-1868, vol. 2, p. 220.

Content:

(1r^o-138v^o) COMMERCII VENEZIANI AD ALESSANDRIA. ... *habendo partem, ut de alijs sibi commissis, et si fuerit accusator, per quem veritas habeatur, ...-... non una per cento persa solamente per le tratte con li modi, et conditioni che hora si paga la ditta una et meza...* The text has no beginning and no end. It contains information about the principles of Venetian trade in Alexandria, the Italian community in Egypt, the work of Venetian consuls and it also contains general advice concerning prices etc. The beginning of the text is in Latin, then in

Italian (from f. 28v^o on). It is an evidence of the strong presence of the Italians (Venetians) in Alexandria between the 15th and the 16th century. The text was used in the following historical works: W. Heyd, “Le colonie commerciali degli Italiani in Oriente nel medio evo”, Venezia e Torino 1866-1868 oraz F. Wilken, “Über die Venetianischen Consuln zu Alexandrien im 15. und 16. Jahrhundert”, in: Abhandlungen der Königlich Akademie der Wissenschaften zu Berlin, historisch-philologische Klasse, (1831), p. 29 – 46.

The supplement is in German:

Notes of Wilhelm Heyd on “Il console dei Veneziani in Alessandria” (IIr^o-IIv^o) Stuttgart, the 7th of November 1862.