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Summary information

Repository:	University of Miami Special Collections
Title:	Charles Creighton collection
ID:	ASM0049
Date:	1731-1815 (date of creation)
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Physical description:	Boxes
Language:	Latin
Language:	French
Dates of creation, revision and deletion:	

Scope and content

The Charles Creighton Collection contains an illuminated manuscript on parchment, signed by Charles VI, last of the house of Habsburg, Holy Roman Emperor and King of Bohemia and Hungary-Croatia. It was the property of Prince Max of Baden until the end of the first World War.

The 33-page manuscript measures 8 by 11 inches, with illuminated borders in red, blue, and gold, and an artistically designed title in black and gold of royal insignia surrounded by implements of war and the crown of the king. The manuscript is bound in a gilded hand-embroidered binding of decorative design with ornamental ribbon ties and tinsel fringes. It is attached with a gold braided cord is the Royal Seal of Charles VI, measuring 4 1/4 inches in diameter with the inscription "Carolus VI Romanorum Imperator S. A. Hispaniarum et utriusque Siciliae Rex." The seal is enclosed in a decorated silver case which is intended to rest in a circular compartment in the center of a tooled Viennese leather binding in which the manuscript reposes. The manuscript is written entirely in Latin and confers the title of Marquis on Honuphrium Ianno Ernandes Arias for "Militiaque multa suae Fides, Constantia Sapientia, ac Fortitudinis Specima edidissent..." (translation: In long military service he displayed Faith, Constancy, Prudence, and Courage...) To legalize the document, it is signed in the autograph of King Charles VI "Yo el Rey," below which are the signatures of noblemen and dignitaries of state.

Included also are 15 separate pages of manuscript written in Latin. These pages also refer to the Marquis and are dated in May of 1731. An unsigned manuscript by one of the Ianno family consists of 5 lines and is written in French.

The Charles Creighton Collection also contains high quality facsimiles of several historical predominantly French documents from the 17th and 18th century. These are: a letter pleading for a 3 day postponement of Louis XIV's execution by Louis XIV dated January 20, 1793; two letters informing French generals of the Waterloo victory by the Duke of Wellington, dated June 14 and June 20, 1815; Vice Admiral Horatio Nelson's unfinished letter to Lady Hamilton, dated October 19, 1805; Napoleon's appeal to England for

protection after his defeat at Waterloo, dated July 13, 1815; a note written by Marie Antoinette written just before her execution in 1793; and the last letter written by Robespierre, unfinished due to his being shot, with bloodstains at the bottom of the letter, dated July 27, 1794.

Notes

Title notes

Restrictions on access

This collection is open for research.

Conditions governing use

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Related material

See also the book *Quelques reliques emouvantes de l'histoire de France*, which reproduces and contextualizes several of the same facsimiles noted above.

Information about related materials is available at <http://ibisweb.miami.edu/record=b1300756~S11>

Other notes

- **Publication status:** Published
 - **Description identifier:** ArchonInternalCollectionID:590
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Access points

- Charles VI, Holy Roman Emperor, 1685-1740 (subject)
- Honuphrium Ianno Ernandes Arias (subject)
- Habsburg, House of
- Facsimiles (documentary form)
- Illuminated manuscripts (documentary form)
- Letters (documentary form)
- Manuscripts (documentary form)
- Holy Roman Empire -- History -- 1648-1804 (place)
- Holy Roman Empire -- Politics and government (place)