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FROM THE BIBLIOTHECA LAMONIA

Publii Virgilii Maronis Opera per Johannem Ogilvium edita, et sculpturis aenis adornata

Author

HOLLAR, Wenceslaus, and VIRGIL

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A nice example of the final edition of Ogilby's translation of Virgil, with a grand French provenance: Bibliotheca Lamonia, one of the most important private libraries in France during the Enlightenment. The Lamoignon's family was a dynasty of Chancellors of France who protected Diderot and d'Alembert's Encyclopedie project from censorship by the Church.

The Bibliotheca Lamonia was compiled over more than a century by the Lamoignon family, from Guillaume de Lamoignon (1617-1677), lawyer and first president of the Parlement, through Guillaume-Chrétien de Lamoignon de Malesherbes (1721-1794), French statesman, magistrate sympathetic to the Enlightenment project, and, as Royal Censor (1752-1763), responsible for the compromise with the church that allowed the publication of Diderot's Encyclopédie, to Chrétien François de Lamoignon de Basville (1735-1789), penultimate Chancellor of France under the Ancien Régime. Chrétien François died in May 1789 and his son was exiled to England with a major part of the Bibliotheca Lamonia, the catalogue of which includes the present example.

Bibliography

Catalogue des livres de la bibliothèque de feu M. de Lamoignon, vol.1, p. 261 n°2364. NHG Hollar 1344, 1351, 1353, 1355-9, 1360-1393; Pennington, 290-330.

Provenance

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1. Bibliotheca Lamonia (bookplate)
2. Cecily Mary Savern (bookplate)

Price:

Inventory reference: 18630