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1424

Marcus Tullius Cicero

Latin

Paper (treated with resin, chainlines and laidlines but no visible watermark), 215 x 145 mm, i + 120 + i ff., numbered i + 1-120 + ii. The endleaves, numbered i and ii, may once have formed an outer wrapper, and consist of parts of a notarial document; see below. The edges of the document serve as guards between Quires 1 and 2 and Quires 11 and 12. Single column, 34-39 lines to a page, frame-ruled in crayon. The early pages of the book much wormed.

1 endleaf (f. i) + 1-12¹⁰ (ff. 1-120) + 1 endleaf (f. ii).

Catchwords.

Written in a humanistic script, without colour. Gothic 'ribbon' initials at the beginning of orations. Headings in black capitals, the vowels deliberately arranged irregularly.

2° fo. *nempe apud eum*

1-3. 1^r-16^r **Marcus Tullius Cicero**, Caesarian Orations, as follows:

1. 1^r-5^v *M. Tullii Ci. Oratione pro Q. Ligario ad G. Cesarem. Novum crimen C. Cesar ... ending his omnibus te daturum.*

Text edited by A. Klotz, *M. Tulli Ciceronis scripta quae manserunt omnia* (Lipsiae, 1918), vol. 8, pp. 84-100.

2. 5^v-12^r *M. Tullii Ciceronis Oratio ad Cesarem pro rege Deiotaro* with text beginning on 6^r *Cum in omnibus causis gravioribus ... ending conservare clementie tue.*

Ibid., pp. 101-119.

3. 12^r-16^r *M. Tullii Ciceronis oratio ad Cesarem pro M. Marcello. Diuturni silentii patres conscripti ... ending hoc tuo facto cumulus accesserit.*

Ibid., pp. 69-81.

4-7. 16^r-36^v **Marcus Tullius Cicero**, *Catiline Orations*, as follows:

4. 16^r-21^v *Invectiva sive oratio vel arenga M. Tullii Ciceronis contra Catilinam in senatu exposita* with text beginning on 16^v *Quousque tandem abutere Catilina patientia nostra ...* ending *mortuosque mactabis*.

Text edited by A.R. Dyck, *Catilinarians* (Cambridge, 2008), pp. 25-33.

5. 21^v-26^v *M. Tullii Ciceronis oratio ad populum Romanum contra Catilinam expulsum de Roma* with text beginning on 22^r *Tandem aliquando quirites ...* ending *scelere defendant*.

Ibid. pp. 34-42.

6. 26^v-32^r *M. Tullii Ciceronis oratio ad populum romanum narantis processum contra Catilinam factum per ipsum consulem et senatum* with text beginning on 27^r *Rem publicam O quirites ...* ending *esse possitis providebo O quirites*.

Ibid. pp. 43-51.

7. 32^r-36^v *M. Tullii Ciceronis oratio ad senatum postulantis quid de coniuratis Catiline capitivis sit faciendum. Video patres conscripti in me ...* ending *per se ipsum prestare possit*.

Ibid, pp. 52-59.

8-9. 36^v-40^v **pseudo-Sallust**, *In M. Tullium Ciceronem invectiva*

8. 36^v-38^r *Invectiva Sallustii in M. Tullium Ciceronem. Graviter et iniquo animo maledicta ...* ending *parte fidem habens*.

Text edited by A. Kurfess, *Appendix Sallustiana*, ed. 4a (Lipsiae, 1962), pp. 1-8.

9. 38^r-40^v *M. Tullii Ciceronis invectiva in Sallustium responsiva. Nam demum demum [repeated, marked for deletion] tibi voluptas est C. Sallusti equalem ac parem verbis ...* ending *honeste effari possim*.

Ibid., pp. 9-21. These two invectives often transmitted with the Catiline orations.

10. 40^v-47^v **Marcus Tullius Cicero**, De Fato.

Prologue beginning *M. Tullii Ciceronis liber de fato sive peridmaton incipit prologus. Quia pertinent ad mores quos illi etheos vocant ...* ending 41^r *ordiri confidamus. Hinc sequitur tractatus de fato M. Tullii Ciceronis* with text beginning on 41^v *Quorum in aliis ut antipatro poeta ...* ending *omnibus naturaliter. Peridmaton id est de fato Libelus explicit. Arbi scriptus 1424 . xxvi . Maii.*

Text edited by C.R.W. Mueller, *M. Tullii Ciceronis: Scripta quae manserunt omnia* (Lipsiae, 1890), partis 4, vol. 2, pp. 251-70.

11. 48^r-120^v **Marcus Tullius Cicero**, Tusculanae disputationes.

Cum defensionem laboribus ... ending *potuit inveniri levatio. M. Tullii Ciceronis questionibus finis. Laus et Gloria sanctissime trinitati et individue unitati.*

In five books, with space left for the completion of the rubric after the preamble of each. Book 1 begins on 48^r, Book 2 on 67^r, Book 3 on 78^r, Book 4 on 91^v, Book 5 on 104^v.

Text edited by M. Pohlenz, *M. Tullii Ciceronis Scripta quae Manserunt Omnia* (Stuttgart, 1967), Fasc 44: Tusculanae Disputationes.

At the end of the text on 120^v is added

Versus Allamanici difficillimi.

Manila / delenstue / Ainsdiverim / bodogosme / crudrusgunt mus /

Vaga / becdemlunt / qui / nost gudcumunrust /

Nacui / as / es / os / fine longar' iubemus.

Binding: 20th century pigskin, coloured beige.

i and ii, perhaps the original covers of the book, contain on i^r and ii^v part of a 15th century notarial document about the sale of land by Florentius, resident of *insula Arben'*, i.e. Arba, Dalmatia (modern-day Rab, Croatia), under the procurator Andreas, signed ii^r by the vicedomini Teresius and Ricardus(?). Also on ii^r is the name *ser Adalghen' Tayacozo* (Tagliacozzo?). The edges of the same document protrude and serve as guards between 10^v and 11^r, 110^v and 111^r.

Upside down on i^r (presumably once the front cover), *Ciceronis orationes . Oratio Contra Catilinam ad senatum II, ad Populum II Oratio [pro Mar]cello / Sallustii in Ciceronem / Ciceronis ad Salustium / De Fato*, the letters deliberately (and decoratively) unevenly arranged and irregularly spaced.

Inside the modern covers are pastedowns from a 15th century edition of Thomas Aquinas, *Summa theologica* Pars 1^a q. 85. Inside front cover: end of 1^a q 85 a 2 ad 3 *de rebus exterioribus* ... and the beginning of a 3 ad 3 *Ad Tertium sic proceditur* ... ending *Uno modo absolute secundum quod in se est* 1^a q 85 q 7 a3 ad 3. Inside rear cover: 1^a q 85 a 5 *co et ratiocinando et ideo intellectus* ... ending *homo magis alio in[telligit]* 1^a q 85 a 7 arg 3.

Origin: written in Dalmatia on the island of Arba (the modern-day island of Rab, Croatia), and completed 26 May 1424, according to the scribal colophon on 47^v: *Peridmaton id est de fato Libelus explicit. Arbi scriptus 1424 . xxvi . Maii.*

Provenance:

(1) At the foot of 1^r is the classmark 'H 3'.

(2) Sold at Sotheby's, 16 February 1931, lot 217 for £4 10s to "Cullum", as part of 'A collection of early classical and other manuscripts on vellum and paper. From the Library of a Deceased Nobleman'.

This is recorded in the Schoenberg Database of Manuscripts <<https://sdbm.library.upenn.edu/>> as SDBM_5564.

(3) Erik von Scherling (1907-1956), bookseller in Leiden: manuscript offered for sale in his catalogue *Rotulus: A quarterly bulletin for manuscript collectors* on four occasions, as follows: no. 1.2 (April 1931), no. 1137 (125 florins); no. 2.1 (March 1932), no. 1316 (125 florins); no. 3.2 (June 1933), no. 1316 (90 florins).

Recorded in SDBM as SDBM_151458, SDBM_151605 and SDBM_151924.

(For other manuscripts advertised for sale by von Scherling that later entered F.J. Norton's possession, see MSS Add. 8582 and 8584).

(4) Sold at Sotheby's, 23 April 1934, lot 37 for £5 to "Stonehill", presumably Charles A. Stonehill, publisher, bookseller and collector (sent back for sale by von Scherling?).

Recorded in SDBM as SDBM_96999, and grouped together with the previous sale at Sotheby's as SDBM_MS_2666.

(5) Sold at Sotheby's, 8 June 1936, lot 147 for £2 to Quaritch.

(6) F.J. Norton M.A. (1904-1986), Under-Librarian and sometime Deputy Librarian of Cambridge University Library, and Knight Grand Cross of Alfonso X the Wise. Transcription of verse on 120^v written by his hand on a loose slip of card, kept at the front of the volume. Acquired from Mr Norton's estate by Cambridge University Library, 30 May 1986.

(Price £11 0s 0d written on ii^r)

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