

Abstract

This thesis analyses the Spanish part of Philipp Sigmund of Dietrichstein's grand tour which took place from 1671 to 1672, examining various archival sources, such as correspondence, spending overviews, instructions, and route plans. It looks into the motivations behind and circumstances of the grand tour, describing its participants, course, and Philipp Sigmund's activities in Spain. A key part of the thesis is an edition of transliterated correspondence from the journey to Spain, including an analysis of internal and external characteristics of the letters.

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