


Bibliotheken und Sammlungen arabischer Handschriften, pp. 311–466: Mostar, p. 398; Sarajevo, p. 398.

INDIVIDUAL COLLECTION

SALVADOR (Bahia)
Arquivo Público do Estado da Bahia

Ladeira de Quintas, 50, Baixa de Quintas, 40320 Salvador – Bahia
Status: Public archives
Total number of Islamic MSS: 30 (Arabic).
Description of collection: These documents were used as criminal evidence against some “malê” (Muslim black slaves in Brazil), accused of conspiracy and rebellion in 1835. The reason for keeping them up to the present day is that they are part of the documentation of the proceedings of the trial. The documents, written in Arabic, have religious contents, including transcriptions of parts of the Qur’an, invocations and prayers, as well as handwriting exercises. They are written in the ‘Qayrawân’ style of script, originating in the Maghrib and used by the people of West Africa. The MSS are grouped in three classes: A) Qur’anic texts (9 MSS); B) prayers (8); C) miscellaneous (9 Talismans, 2 handwriting exercises, 2 unintelligible).

The conditions in which these MSS are kept are very unsatisfactory. They are packed in bundles with many other documents of different kinds, wrapped in thick paper and stored in a non-acclimatized room, exposed to the damaging effects of heat and humidity. Handling of the documents could seriously damage them.

Published catalogues:


1970. Os documentos árabes do Arquivo do Estado da Bahia. By Rolf Reichert. [Salvador:] Universidade Federal da Bahia, Centro de
Estudos Afro-Orientais (Publicação do Centro, 9).
Re-publication of 1966–68 articles (see above), with additional observations on Monteil’s 1967 analysis. Includes facsimiles, transcriptions and translations (Portuguese), with notes on script and content.

BIBLIOGRAPHICAL APPENDIX

Brazil: Vol. 1, p. 268.


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