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LO ASSEDIO ET IMPRESA DE FIRENZE:
ANALYSIS OF THE VOLUME
PARIS, BIBLIOTHÈQUE NATIONALE DE FRANCE, VÉLINS-2155

Abstract

This article intends to illustrate an example of early modern Italian printed books, *Lo assedio et impresa de Firenze*, Perugia, Girolamo Cartolari, 3 December 1530, particularly examining the volume Paris, Bibliothèque Nationale de France, site François Mitterrand (réserve des livres rares), Vélins-2155. Furthermore, the aim of this study is to critically assess the origin and the provenance of the book, after outlining a physical description and a bibliographical identification. This begs the question, then, of whether or not the volume could be a dedicatory copy.

Keywords

Mambrino Roseo; Malatesta Baglioni; Girolamo Cartolari; *Lo assedio et impresa de Firenze*.

Mambrino Roseo from Fabriano was a notary and a poet who lived during the sixteenth century.¹ Despite the place-name, usually associated with his name, Fabriano, there are no clear evidences that should prove his provenance. It has been found that he participated to the assembly of the Consiglio Fabrianese between 7 and 10 October 1527 as a delegate of Malatesta Baglioni, prince of Perugia.² As a result, Fiumara supposes that Roseo might be born around 1502, because working as a notary in Fabriano required to be 25 years old.³ Moreover, it is likely that he had moved to Perugia due to either his professional career, or his studies.

In 1529 and 1530, Malatesta Baglioni joint battle against the Imperial army, that supported the Medici family, and that was controlled by the Pope Clement VII (born Giulio de' Medici). In fact, as a consequence of internal political conflicts, until 1530 Florence was guided by an anti-Medician government. Being the captain of the Florentines, Baglioni was defeated, after an eleven-month siege. Despite the failure, and the charges of betrayal, Roseo wrote a short poem in octave, *Lo assedio et impresa de Firenze*, in order to praise Malat-

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1 For Roseo's life see BOGNOLO 2013, pp. 25-68.

2 RAMELLI 1885, p. XIV.

3 FIUMARA 2006, p. 56.