

“ARGUING IN THE ITALIAN MANNER”.
UNKNOWN LETTER FROM KING SIGISMUND II AUGUST
TO THE GOVERNOR OF THE CITY OF KRAKÓW JAN BONER FROM 1557
FROM THE COLLECTION OF THE RACZYNSKI LIBRARY IN POZNAŃ

The subject of the article is a critical edition of the letter of King Sigismund II August of Poland to the Governor of Kraków Jan Boner from 1557. The title of Governor (*wielkorządca*) named the official managing the royal estate. We do not know the original – the letter has been preserved in a nineteenth-century copy of an unknown authorship, stored in the collection of the Raczyński Library in Poznań. The letter is focused on the construction works commissioned by the king in Kraków and its surroundings.

It contains unknown information on the reconstruction of the so-called “House of the Princes”, a building located on the Wawel Hill, in the monarch’s residential complex. In the letter, the King also gives his orders concerning preparations for the works in Łobzów near Kraków (today a district of the city). The letter significantly extends our knowledge about these works, so far based mainly on accounting sources.