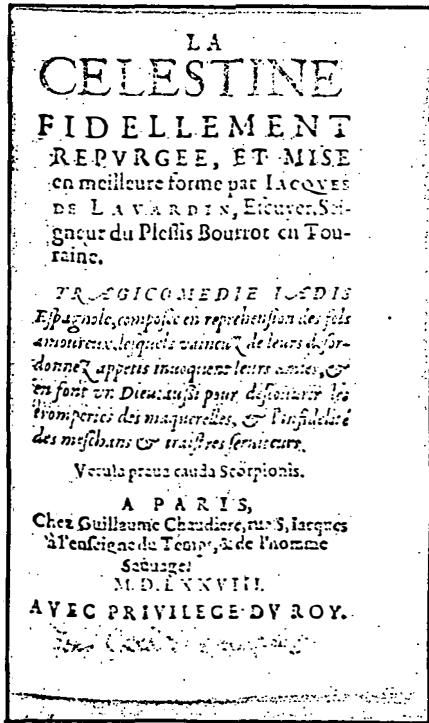




THE GUILLAUME CHAUDIÈRE EDITION OF JACQUES DE LAVARDIN'S *CELESTINE*

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A lucky chance, for which I have to thank M. Pierre Aquilon of the Centre d'Etudes Supérieures de la Renaissance at Tours, makes it possible to confirm the existence of this hitherto unproven edition.¹ A Chaudière edition was in fact quoted by the contemporary Du Verdier for the year 1578. It was also reported by Nicolas Antonio, who gave the date as '1598'--when the Rouen editions appeared--and by St Venant, who gave '1576'--when Chaudière published Lavardin's *Histoire de Georges Castriot*.² Miss C. L. Penney reported a copy of a Chaudière edition of 1578 in the Bibliothèque de l' Arsenal,³ although the copies I have seen in the library (8° BL 16051 and Re 6553) are of the Robinot edition (for description see the critical edition, pp. 31 - 32). The Chaudière edition therefore remained unconfirmed. However, the library of the Musée Condé at Chantilly does own a copy (shelf-mark XI. F. 56), the title page of which is reproduced here. With the excep-

tion of Chaudière's imprint, the edition is the same as that of Gilles Robinot (1578, 16°, 12 unnumbered and 284 numbered folios), whose name alone appears in the privilege on the verso of the title. Robinot was therefore probably the main partner in a shared edition. The ms. *ex libris* at the foot of the page reads: 'Jean Heller de Strasbourg'.

NOTES

¹ In a critical edition (Tamesis, 1974), p. 24) I incorrectly stated there was no such edition.

² Du Verdier, *Bibliothèque de ...* (Lyon, 1585), p. 608; in the Rigoley de Juvigny edition (1772-3), IV, 288. N. Antonio, *Bibliotheca hispana nova ...* (Rome, 1672), II, 212 (Madrid, 1783-8), II, 263-4. R. Barré de St Venant, *Dictionnaire ... du Vendômois ...* (Blois, 1913-15), II, 260.

³ *The Book called 'Celestina' ...* (New York, 1954), p. 117.



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