



This 1774 inventory of the Munich Treasury lists the Wittelsbach Blue as the most valuable holding. The cover (top) reads: “New Description of all jewels, found in the Treasury, for the use of his Highness, the Elector, written in January of the year 1774” [German original: “Neu verfaßte Beschreibung, Aller zum Gebrauch Sr. Churf. Durchl. Im Schatz vorfindigen Jubell Stücken, de dato Januarii anno 1774.”]. The entry for the diamond (bottom) reads: “A great blue brilliant. This chief stone is from unique beauty, purity and color, that no other can be found and had the weight 36 Carat and value 300 000 (fl)” [German original: “Ein grosser blauer Prilliant. Dieser Hauptstein ist au jour gefasst und von so ausnehmender Schenne, Reine und Farb, daß keiner der gleichen zu fünden ist und haltet an Gewicht. 36. Karat. Karat 36 Geldbetrag 300 000 (fl).”] Courtesy Bavarian House Archives; HRI, Fasz.24/670/5.