

DUDITHIANA NOVISSIMA (CUM MINUTIA BEZANA):
TWO OVERLOOKED LETTERS BY ANDREAS DUDITH
AND UNRECORDED ENTRIES FROM THE *LIBER AMICORUM*
OF JAN AND ADAM ČEJKA*

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ABSTRACT: This article introduces two hitherto overlooked letters by the heterodox humanist Andreas Dudith (1533–1589). These letters, addressed to Joachim Meister of Görlitz and Lorenz Scholtz of Freystadt, not only shed additional light on the corpus of letters to and from Dudith that have come down to us, but also provide new information about the complex relations between members of the Silesian intellectual elite and show that apart from the people already identified by the editors of *Epistulae*, which are also confirmed by the two documents edited here, some new names should be taken into consideration. The article also provides a critical edition of Dudith's note on Girolamo Savonarola inspired by the latter's effigy in Theodore Beza's *Icones* of 1580. The newly identified Prague copy of this inscription, unlike the two copies preserved in Berlin and Wrocław, allows one to tie this text with the now lost *album amicorum* of Czech noblemen, Jan and Adam Čejka of Olbramovice. The Prague copy also brings a hitherto unrecorded epigram dedicated by Beza to the Čejka, an edition of which is also included in this paper.

INTRODUCTION

Whenever an edition of correspondence comes to an end, it becomes more than certain that subsequent years will bring forth further documents supplementing the materials gathered and published by the editors. Although the physical volumes radiate the feeling of completeness, they are usually the result of a multi-lateral compromise between the ambitions of scrupulous and diligent

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