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. 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. Miss C. L. Penney reported a copy of a Chaudière edition of 1578 in the Bibliothèque de l'Arsenal, 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 exception 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'.

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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 Rigole 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.