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Ottoman Gunpowder Factories (Baruthanes) in Bulgaria

(Abstract)

The presented baruthanes give grounds for making the following important conclusions: First, almost all baruthanes were built in the 19th century as gunpowder stores or powder-kegs and have a specific architecture (an exception in this regard is the state factory in Razgrad for the production of refined saltpeter). Second, the spread of these baruthanes follows the policy of decentralization implemented by the Ottoman authorities in the establishment of baruthanes outside the Bulgarian lands. Third, the built baruthanes were most likely related to the securing of gunpowder for the Russian-Turkish wars in the nineteenth century.