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Establishment of Diplomatic Relations between Bulgaria and Romania and First Bulgarian Diplomatic Agents in Bucharest (1879-1886)

(Abstract)

Bulgaria was liberated from Ottoman rule in 1878. Despite its vassal status in regard to the Ottoman Empire which was defined in the Treaty of Berlin, the Principality established proper diplomatic relations with Romania for there were bilateral problems waiting to be settled. During the period in question there were good examples of bilateral cooperation as also confrontation between the two countries. The two sides made no progress in resolving the border question around the town of Silistra, but worked together to gain their equal rights in controlling the Danube navigation. The bilateral dialogue was facilitated by the Bulgarian diplomatic agents in Bucharest. Since Sofia had no other previous experience with such kind of personnel, it chose well educated and influential persons to represent Bulgaria in Romania. While the first two of them, Evlogi Georgiev and Kiriak Tsankov weren't enough active to develop the diplomatic relations between the two countries, it was Grigor Nachovich who was perceived as the right man on the right place. He worked hard not only for improving the bilateral relations but also for protecting the Bulgarian interests in Bucharest.

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