

Summary

THE PROBLEMS AT SERBIAN-BULGARIAN BORDER DURING THE FIRST YEARS AFTER THE 1879 BORDER DEFINITION

After defining the new Serbian – Bulgarian border by international commission and confirming the found state on part of border identical with old Serbian – Turkish border, along the line of new Serbian – Bulgarian border, and during the following years, problems appeared frequently. The new border root of problems rested on international commission decisions that had not considered splitting land, meadows, and forests by drawing the borderline and the fact that property of village at the one side of the border stays on the other side, making difficulties in ploughing the soil.

Old problems have remained since the 1830's and marking the Serbian – Turkish border, and the river Timok represented particular problem by its alterations of the course. These problems have forced resolving actions on governments. During the five next years, (1879-1883), Serbian and Bulgarian governments were involved in these actions, and several times they have tried to resolve the controversial border issues.

The culmination of these efforts represented work of international commissions 1881 and 1882, but the signing of convention about all controversial issues linked to Serbian – Bulgarian border didn't follow.