

Summary

Stephan Živković Nišlija – an outstanding participant of the First Serbian Uprising

Stefan Živković Nišlija is, undoubtedly, one of the most outstanding people from the time of the First Serbian Uprising. He joined the Uprising from the very beginning, first as the supplier of the Serbian fighters and later as the one who financed the war loans of the Uprising Serbia. As a trader, during the war he became very rich, so that he could lend a great amount of money to the Serbian Uprising Council, even up to 10,000 ducats. He also took part in the battles, especially during the fighting on the Drina, in the vicinity of Nis and in Sokobanja, where he was wounded. He was one of the first Serbian diplomats, and the head of the Serbian delegation in the negotiations with the Porte in 1805. He represented the interests of the rebels in meetings with the Austrian statesmen, the count Mailat and the archduke Ludvig and during the Vienna Congress in 1815 by contacting even the top dignitaries in order to provide the protection of the Serbian interests. Due to the conflict he had had with Karadjordje, he left Serbia and went to Walachia, where he joined the Russian army and was promoted in the rank of colonel. He died in exile in Poltava in 1835.