The article presents interesting details of a somehow forgotten consequence of the Crimean War, the restitution of the Southern Bessarabia to the Moldavian Principality, in 1856. This small territory including the Bolgar county, had a highly strategic value, offering to Moldavia, after almost half a century of loss, direct access to the Danube and to the Black Sea. For the Russian State, and for the Ottoman Empire, this fact had opposite significances.

**Keywords**: Crimean War, Treaty of Paris (1856), Southern Bessarabia, Russian Empire, Ottoman Empire