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### A ROLL OF THE ASSETS OF PRINCE IONIȚĂ CANTEMIR (1755). STUDY AND TEXT (Summary)

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The present study is, in fact, a more comprehensive presentation of the document published in the appendix. The editor indicates that the document is a manuscript *in folio*, having dimensions of 21.5 x 33.5 cm, that it is bound with leather covers, without ornaments, it is being kept at the National Archives of Iași (manuscript no. 1796), and it contains the wealth inventory of prince Ioniță Cantemir, son of Antioh Cantemir, Prince of Moldavia (1695-1700, 1705-1707), nephew of Demetrius Cantemir, Prince of Moldavia (1710-1711) and scholar of European range.

This inventory, called a roll in the language of the period, was written on 25<sup>th</sup> May 1755, at the request of Lady Anița and Lady Catrina, the heiresses of Ioniță Cantemir's daughter, Tarsița, who died prematurely sometime in April-May 1755. Lady Anița was the sister, and Catrina was the widow of Ioniță Cantemir, who also died a few months before his daughter, in July 1754.

The roll published in this journal contains valuable information about how wealth and assets were being transmitted to descendants in the eighteenth century Moldova, about the Moldavian boyars' clothing, their business practices, the prices existent in mid-eighteenth century-Moldova, the inventory of an aristocratic court, etc.

It follows from this document that the Moldavian social elite was faithful to Ottoman fashion, wearing heavy clothes of expensive fabrics, lined with equally expensive fur, such as: sable, marten, ermine or Cossack fox. At the same time, we find that Moldavian boyars had genuine collections of weapons, jewellery, silver watches etc. Thus, Ioniță Cantemir had ten soldier swords, a yataghan, five pairs of soldier pistols, nine soldier rifles, a Turkish rifle, a "damaged" Venetian shotgun, two broken rifles, and two silver watches (f. 10<sup>v</sup>).

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