ASPECTS IN THE LIFE AND ACTIVITY OF A PHYSICIAN AT GRIGORE THE III GHICA’S COURT. DOCTOR FOTACHE
(Summary)

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Reconstructing the biographical portrait of “doctor Fotache” proved to be a bit more difficult, as the inaccuracy of the historic testimonies regarding the name of this doctor made it difficult to identify him. We presuppose that there were two doctors bearing the same first name. The one we have considered here was the son of Neculai Vartolomei, boyar in charge of war tents and camps. His fate seems to have been closely related to his patron’s, Grigore III Ghica, to which he seems to have been close “from childhood yet”. Having been unable to key out the ruse which the Sublime Porte’s chamberlain used in order to entice Grigore Ghica into the chambers of the bey manor, doctor Fotache would be forced to leave Moldavia for a while. After the return in his “homeland”, it is difficult to identify his medical activity, as he dedicated himself sooner to administrating his parents’ estates.

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