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NATIONAL PARTY IN WALACHIA AND THE GREAT POWERS
(1838-1840)
(Summary)

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This article focuses on two major aspects. The first concerns the manner in which the National Party from Wallachia started to form amid the “parliamentary” fight against the “additional article” and, especially, its attitude after the failure of its actions to prevent the Assembly from adopting the new form of the Organic Regulation. When the “additional article” was imposed on Wallachia, the political group gathered around Ion Câmpineanu changed its strategy and started to prepare, through several secret meetings, for a “diplomatic mission”, which was to be entrusted to Ion Câmpineanu. The second major aspect of this text aims to offer a proper understanding of the place and importance of the Romanian Principalities in the foreign policy of France and Great Britain, and their “contribution” to the efforts for national emancipation of the National Party. Placed in a new light by the information obtained from unpublished sources, the policy of Great Britain seems to coincide more with the plans of the national party to remove the Russian protectorate, than the policy of France. Unlike his French counterpart, the British general consul was actively involved and tried to help the national party by putting its members in touch with his superiors.