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ABOUT THE EXILE OF ION CĂMPINEANU (1840)
(Summary)

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The starting point of this text is a manuscript, found at the Library of the Romanian Academy, that reveals new information regarding the circumstances of Câmpineanu’s exile as well as the position of the National Party from Wallachia towards it and the arguments used in the attempt to prove its abusive and illegal character. The document is the draft of a letter, which I identified as belonging to Betrand Huber, the French consul from Iași, who addressed it to the Director of the Political Affairs from the French Minister of Foreign Affairs, Émile Desages. In order to validate his own statements concerning the exile of Câmpineanu, Huber inserted into his report fragments from a letter he received from a secret informant from Bucharest, which show the determination of the members of the National Party to fight against the Porte’s order on legal grounds. The document sheds light on the manner in which Huber evaluated Câmpineanu’s mission to Paris and London, in 1839, where he went as a representative of the National Assembly from Bucharest and not as a member of a “Secret Society”.

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