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CAFFA AND MOLDAVIA IN 1387: ON SOME GENOESE ENTRIES
(Summary)

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The Caffese embassy of Carollo D'Orto and Illario D'Auria (Doria) to voivode Peter I of Moldavia represents one of the most interesting and elusive moments in the poorly documented genesis of the Wallachian principality, risen between the Oriental Carpathians and the Black Sea. Since the late 1960^s, the embassy was dated to mid-1386. The analysis of the Caffese register in which the expenses of the embassy were recorded as well (an analysis triggered by an apparently discordant Genoese entry) shows however that the embassy did not take place in 1386, but a year later, in 1387.

The Caffese envoys, one of the them (Doria) being the future *gambros* of Emperor Manuel II Palaiologos, came – via Cetatea Albă – to the court of Peter I on the eve of the oath of fealty sworn in September 1387 by the voivode to Wladislaw II Jagiello, king of Poland and duke of Lithuania. The oath was blessed by Cyprian, metropolite of Kyiv, and Manuel II's special emissary in the East.

The consequences of the re-dating are evidently manifold and require additional researches. This situation is partially due to the fact that the now published article was authored seventeen years ago.

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