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“RESIDENTS FLEEING TO TURKEY AND VICE VERSA”:
THE CASE OF DOBRUDJA (1853)
(Summary)

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In the mid-19th century, cross-border mobility on Wallachia’s frontier with European Turkey was strictly controlled by the Wallachian authorities. The sanitary system of the quarantines was most often intentionally bypassed by the fugitives who were in continuous mobility on both banks of the Danube. This fact can be observed in the archive folder *Residents fleeing to Turkey and vice versa; fragment* (1853) which is found in one of the funds of the Ministry of the Interior from the National Archives of Romania.

From this perspective, a number of files from the National Archives of Romania still are less researched documentary sources. Their investigation could contribute to expanding the forms of knowledge regarding the social, medical, economic or political realities of the Wallachian cross-border space from the period of the 1850^s.

This is the reason why our field of research has focused on the analysis of a few archival documents on social mobility between Wallachia and Dobrudja as a border area in the late Ottoman Empire.

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