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Prince Antoni Paweł Sułkowski (1785-1836) - military and political activity

Summary

The main purpose of the dissertation is to present and evaluate the military and political activity of prince Antoni Paweł Sułkowski in the years 1806-1836. He made an amazingly fast career path. Sułkowski in just a few years, starting his service in 1806 at the rank of a colonel, was promoted to the rank of Major General in 1813. Sułkowski, at the age of 28, became the youngest holder of this rank in the history of the Polish Army.

Therefore it was necessary to explain the external and internal factors that influenced the rapid development of Sułkowski's career. Moreover was it a typical career of this period and how it compared to the careers of the rest of the polish officers group. To clarify these issues, an attempt was made to determine the personality elements that distinguished Sułkowski from other representatives of the social elite. Thus, in order to explain the motives of Sułkowski's decision and military-political activity, apart from outlining external factors, it was necessary to make an attempt to reconstruct his system of values, which he followed, and the goals and motivations that resulted from them. Thanks to this, an attempt could be made to fully present the profile of Antoni Paweł Sułkowski in various stages of his life, taking into account the changing political reality of polish lands in the first half of the 19th century.

The time frames of work are determined by the prince's Antoni Paweł Sułkowski life years 1785-1836. The structure of the work is chronologically – problematic. It is divided into four chapters in which the next stages of life and military-political activity of Prince Sułkowski were discussed (1. Family and youth; 2. The first years of military career 1806-1810; 3. At the peak of career 1810-1813; 4. Prince the politician 1814-1836). The source basis of the work are archival and published sources, including correspondence, memoirs, diaries, military reports, press and a large database of historical studies regarding the period under consideration.