

Politician of two ages. Public activity of Tadeusz Matuszewicz (1765 – 1819).

This dissertation presents the character and the public activity of Tadeusz Matuszewicz. He was born in 1765 in Rasna as a son of Marcin and Anna Matuszewicz. As a finance minister he made an impressive career in the Duchy of Warsaw. The beginnings of his career coincided in time Four-Year Sejm. Then he let himself be known as energetic young politician. The mecenas of his career was Adam Kazmierz Czartoryski what determined his political actions between 1788 – 1807. After a break in public activities caused by the third partition of Poland, Tadeusz Matuszewicz returned to political life in 1809. By the knowledge of financial issues in 1811 he became finance minister in the Duchy of Warsaw. In 1812, confident in Napoleon's victory over Russia, took part in General Confederation of Poland. After a fall of Duchy of Warsaw he was involved into organization of Congress Poland, where he became also a finance minister. Disappointed emperor's Aleksander I Romanow policy and sufferer of cancer he resigned in 1817. Two years later, he died in Bologna in Italy.