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ÎN IZVOARE VENETIENE DIN SECOLELE XVI-XVII***

***INFORMATION ON THE AREA OF THE LOWER DANUBE,
IN VENETIAN SOURCES FROM THE XVITH – XVIITH
CENTURIES***

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The authors briefly investigate several Venetian sources from the XVIth - XVIIth centuries, consisting in copies of the documents preserved in the registers of the Venetian Consulate in Constantinople and some letters originating from the archives of two executive magistratures of the Republic of S. Marco. The documents, partially or entirely reproduced in the Appendix, have a great contribution in puzzling out the evolution of the trade between Venice and the Oriental Mediterranean, on one hand, and the area of Lower Danube, Moldavia and Poland on the other hand, during the last decades of the XVIth century and the first decade of the XVIIth. The sources highlight the role of the port of Galați, as it was port of call for the merchandises conveyed from Crete to Venice, via Constantinople. Even from the documents herewith listed by the contribution of both authors, it clearly comes out that the Romanian Principalities had the role of source of raw materials and, at the same time, they were a market for certain products of the Venetian manufacturing industry. The letters, sent by the Ottoman rulers from the capital to the Council of Ten, and to the Inquisitors of the State, dealing with issues of political nature regarding the Levant and the Central-Oriental Europe, often refer to the internal situation of the Romanian Principalities, exposed to the expansionist intentions of the European powers, thus allowing the thorough study of the pre-modern history of the Romanians.