O podróży rekonesansowej księcia Stanisława Poniatowskiego. Przyczynek do historii polsko-niemieckich kontaktów naukowych

The reconnaissance travel of duke Stanisław Poniatowski. Comment on the history of Polish-German scientific contacts

SUMMARY

Duke Stanisław Poniatowski (1754-1833), a nephew of the last Polish King Stanisław August Poniatowski, is known not only as a politician, and excellent organizer of social and economical events, but also as an amateur of sciences of line arts. He was, among other activities, a member of the National Educational Commission (the Ministry of Education of Poland), as well as a member of the Warsaw Physical Society, existing in the Polish capital from 1777.

In the paper the journey of Duke Stanisław to Germany, arranged between 11. May and 25. August, 1784, is presented. The Travel was routed through Berlin, Magdeburg, Helmstedt, Hannover, Göttingen, Harz mountains, Halle, Leipzig, Freiberg, Dresden, Herrnhut, Silesia, Prague, Nürnberg, Munich, Regensburg, and Vienna. Poniatowski visited many scientific organizations, academies and universities, and also many particular scientists, mainly those active in the field of metallurgy, mineralogy, geology, and chemistry. In the travel diary a lot of interesting opinions on the German scientists and industrial leaders of that time were expressed.

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