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**Księża Franciszka Paprockiego S.J. praca o historii wojen
i wojskowości polskiej wydana w 1776 roku**

**A study by Rev. Franciszek Paprocki, S.J., on the history
of wars and the Polish military published in 1776**

SUMMARY

The author presents a hitherto overlooked historical work on war and the military, namely the book by the Polish Jesuit, Rev. Franciszek Paprocki (1723-1805), entitled *O sprawie rycerskiej polskiej historyja* [The history of the Polish knightly cause], published at Łowicz in the year 1776, i.e. seventy years earlier than the work currently considered to be the first dealing with that subject-matter.

The author gives a brief account of the life and work of Rev. Paprocki, including his activities as teacher and publisher, and then goes on to discuss in some detail the contents of his book. The first part of the book is devoted to the history of wars fought by Poland since its earliest years as a state until the beginning of the 18th century; the second part of the book deals with the organization of the Polish military, as well as with its equipment and its art of war in the period under discussion.

The article is supplemented by four appendices, which contain a detailed listing of the data and their documentation. Appendix 1 covers the chronology of events relating to Rev. Paprocki's life and work, including his teaching and publishing. Appendix 2 provides an alphabetical list of Rev. Paprocki's publications. Appendix 3 contains a list of the wars, battles and peace treaties described by Franciszek Paprocki, including the sources to which he referred. Appendix 4 contains a detailed alphabetical list of the 85 publications that Paprocki used for his book.

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