

**DIMITRIE A. STURDZA – COLABORATOR AL DOMNITORULUI  
ALEXANDRU IOAN CUZA ȘI APOI CONTESTATAR AL SĂU**

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ALEXANDRU IOAN CUZA AND HIS LATER PROTESTER**

*Abstract*

Due to his experience as Secretary of the Ad-hoc Divan and later of the Regency Chancellery in 1858, and due to his seriousness and conscientiousness, his strong support for national cause and due to the fact that he was the primary cousin of the Lady Elena Cuza, the Prince Alexandru Ioan Cuza was to name Dimitrie A. Sturdza his private secretary. However, he occupied this function for a short period of time (January-March 1859), as he was later named, on the 8<sup>th</sup> of March 1859, Secretary of State for Religious Affairs and Education within the Moldavian Government led by Ion Ghica. In his position as Secretary, D.A. Sturdza accompanied the Prince Cuza in his first visit to Bucharest.

Apparently even from the eve of Sturdza's collaboration with the Prince, he gradually moved aside, and by the end of 1859, he was to resign together with the entire Cabinet led by Ion Ghica. A genuine explanation of this situation could have been the fact that Sturdza was still loyal to Anastasie Panu's projects that of undertaking force actions in order to complete the Union and to elect a foreign Prince.

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