

nju Sabora. Po ovom pitanju ipak nam je na kraju dao za pravo i potvrdio da na ovaj način možemo samo sebi napraviti štetu te da bismo time izazvali razdor koji bi za nas morao imati kobne posljedice.

No koliko će dugo on ostati pri ovoj ideji? To je uglavnom sve za danas, u velikoj žurbi. S kardinalom i ostalom gospodom govorit ću ovih dana.

Što se tiče akademije, bilo mi je jako drago primiti vijest. Odmah po primitku Vaše srdačne vijesti privatnim sam se putem obratio navedenom gospodinu, osobno jer nisam želio slati Račkog, jer nisam smatrao preporučljivim dati mu osobno ikakve podatke po ovom pitanju. Postao je pretjerano ovisan o Stros., a iskustvo će pokazati može mu li se oduprijeti.

Želim da ostanete dobro, uz moje najdublje poštovanje

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Summary

Barun Metel Ožegović's Correspondence with the Bishop of Đakovo and Srijem Josip Juraj Strossmayer (1850-1890)

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From a rich letter exchange Ožegović-Strossmayer here is a seven-letter selection of the 60's of the 19th century. The letters comprise important data covering the current political topics of the period, mostly in Civil Croatia. The last part of this paper brings a letter addressed to Ožegović by Ban Šokčević, in which Strossmayer's standpoints are discussed.

Such correspondence was common between outstanding people of the 1860's although they also communicated directly. These selected letters contribute to a biography of Ožegović, as his political activities have not been the focus of historiography. Strossmayer's letters of the time are extensive, which is an exception, because he used to write short letters in haste.

Documents here displayed are brought in their original form.