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## **GRIGOR NACHOVICH IN THE CONSTITUENT ASSEMBLY**

(Summary)

Grigor Nachovich was a remarkable Bulgarian who occupied an important place in our post-Liberation history. His participation in the Constituent Assembly was a turning point in his political career. In Tarnovo he emerged as ideologue and leader of the Conservative Party. He formulated the position of the “moderates” on the national question and that on a Senate and outline the strategy for their successful defence. Grigor Nachovich was a convinced adherent of the strict observance of the provisions of his Berlin Treaty as the only road leading to the unification of the Bulgarian people. He defended the thesis of the need for setting up a Senate in the economic and political realities existing in the Principality. The Constitution approved in Tarnovo from Grigor Nachovich’s expectations. He left the old capital city depressed and disappointed by what he had heard and seen, with the dark foreboding of imminent grave tests for the young Bulgarian State. What was characteristic of his activity in the Constituent Assembly was that he defended his view with all his might and by all possible means, often resorting to slanders and intrigues behind the scenes. The impressions from the contact with his fellow MPs convinced his that this was the most successful way of opposing the political opponents. He elaborated to perfection this tactic of counteraction which won him the sinister reputation of a subversive and evil enemy who always stabbed in the back or attacked from an ambush. This reputation casts a shadow on his public activity and impedes the objective evaluation of his contribution to the building of “contemporary Bulgaria”. The extremely rich epistolary heritage left by Grigor Nachovich provides an opportunity to reassess his role in Bulgaria’s new history.