

PATRONA HALIL UPRISING: AN OVERVIEW OF AN UNPUBLISHED MANUSCRIPT

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Arnavut Halil, an alcoholic of the pubs of Galata, managed to enter the Janissary corps, conceive the psychology of the janissaries and then started an uprising in Istanbul. Despite leading an uprising in Vidin, he managed to escape to Istanbul and establish close contact with the high ranking administrators Kaymak Mustafa and Abdi paşas. He was in contact with the Armenian and Jewish merchants who were constantly in touch with the lobbies of European capitals. It is no wonder then one should look for some other architects for the Patrona Uprising. Arnavut Halil's call "O Mohammedans come under our banner. We stand for the Religion [of Islam]" on the street of Istanbul with at least one thousand supporters may sound doing of a low character, but certainly calls for a consideration for some other architects. In this paper, an unpublished manuscript will be evaluated and compared with other literature along these lines.

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