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**STRUGGLE FOR THE UNIFICATION OF
TWO THRONES UNDER SIMON I IN THE 1590S**

The paper deals with one episode of the struggle for the unification of Georgia, divided into several principalities, headed by King of Kartli Simon I. It analyzes the struggle for superiority between the princes of western Georgia in the 1580s, which became the reason for the activity of Simon I to begin struggle for the unification of the country. The implementation of this intention was to a certain extent facilitated by the temporary peaceful situation in the Near East.

King Simon tried to join Imereti to the Kingdom of Kartli and restore the political unity of the country. However, in spite of his efforts, his aim remained unachieved. The failure of the king was mainly due to the fact that the reactionary princes were not interested in the restoration of the political unity of the country. Feudal anarchy raged in western Georgia. The princes of Guria and Samegrelo fought each other as well as Simon. Inner feudal strife naturally hindered the success of the struggle for unification.