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LOMAN EFENDI KARTSIVADZE – THE GREAT GEORGIAN ERUDITE AND PUBLIC FIGURE

A prominent Georgian public figure – Loman Efendi Kartsivadze was born in the village Oladauri of Upper Adjara in 1812. He served as an adviser at the sultan's court, a teacher of Sultan's children and a librarian of Dolmabahçe Palace. He left the Sultan's palace before the Russo-Turkish War of 1877–78 and returned to Adjara.

Loman Efendi Kartsivadze led a dedicated struggle against Muhajirism; he saved many Georgians from displacement. The service of the true patriot is extensively reflected in the press of that period (in the newspapers such as "Droeba", "Iveria", "Kavkaz" "Obzor", "Golos").

Loman Efendi Kartsivadze's rich library demonstrates his scholarly pursuits and high level of education. We regard the examination of the library as well as bringing to light Loman Efendi's great services to his country as our primary obligation. Georgian historical sources that depict the life and work of this great patriot are very scarce and need to be searched in the Ottoman archives. Remembrance of him is well preserved in oral traditions of the Muhajir Georgians.