

# SOME REMARKS CONCERNING THE ACT OF FOUNDATION OF THE OBSERVATORY OF THE GRAND SCHOOL IN BELGRADE

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**Abstract.** The laws on the organization of the Central State Administration of the Principality of Serbia from 1862, and on the organization of the Ministry of Education and Church Affairs from 1880, along with the amendments and supplements of the law on the organization of the Grand School (University) from 1880, as well as the law on the organisation of the Main Educational Council from 1880, formed the legal background in appointing M. Nedeljković a second-school teacher and thereafter a professor of astronomy at the Grand School in Belgrade. This legal background underlies the setting-up of a Commission for establishing a net of meteorological stations in Serbia. This action was interrupted due to the outbreak of Serbian-Bulgarian war in 1885.

By his memorandum dated march 2, 1887, dispatched to the Minister for Education, on the basis of which Milan Kujundžić in his capacity of Minister of Education took the decision of instituting „for the Kingdom of Serbia“ a provisional astronomical and meteorological observatory, M. Nedeljković took over on himself the initiative of the Commission for the establishment of a net of meteorological stations in Serbia. This initiative, through its newly gained aspect and its direct consequences, resulting from the decision just indicated of instituting a provisional astronomical and meteorological observatory, constitutes a precedent, pointed at by a subsequent measure of the Minister for Education Jovan Kujundžić from 1909.