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Baron Pasquale Revoltella and His Role in The Suez Canal Company

Abstract

Pasquale Revoltella (Venice, 1795 – Trieste, 1869) was one of the most influential and representative of the imperial Trieste, which played a major role both in economic and political affairs. He began his career as a financier; he was one of the first shareholders of *Assicurazioni Generali* (founded in 1831) and a board member of the *Österreichischer Lloyd* (founded in 1833). His best efforts, however, was given to the support of the opening of the Suez Canal, which he considered crucial for the development of Trieste and his maritime trade. In 1858 he went to Paris to meet Ferdinand de Lesseps, who later on helped the baron to become the Vice-President of *Compagnie universelle du canal maritime de Suez* in 1861. After that Revoltella visited Egypt and the working area of the Suez Canal.