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# Jan Potocki (1761-1815)

(Polish count, b. Pikow castle; st. Switzerland 1774-8; Austrian officer and Knigh of Malta, 1778-82; traveler in Europe, the Mediterranean, Turkey, Africa, and Asia, Egypt; soldier, diplomat, scholar, democrat, adventurer, reporter and historian; met many prominent leaders, artists and writers; married 1785, remarried 1799; travelled in Morocco, Causcaus, Russia, China 1805-6; wrote in French; began MTAS 1792-6, revisions 1810-15; retired to scholarship, writing and study; commited suicide with a silver bullet polished by himself; also letter-writer, draughtsman, chronologist)

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