

Read the text below. For questions 1-10 choose the correct option

How potatoes became popular in Greece



Count John Kapodistrias was elected as the first head of state of independent Greece (1827-33) after a long period in European politics and diplomacy. He is considered the founder of the Greek State, and the founder of Greek independence. Among other things, in an effort to raise the living standards of the population he introduced the cultivation of the potato into Greece.

In the legend, Kapodistrias ordered that potatoes should be given to anyone who was interested. However the population was unwilling at first to accept the offer. The legend continues, that he then ordered that the whole shipment of potatoes was unloaded on public display on the docks of Nafplion, and placed it under guard to make the people believe that they were valuable. Soon, people would be allowed to look at the guarded potatoes and some started to steal them. The guards had been ordered in advance to turn a blind eye to such behaviour, and soon the potatoes had all been "stolen" and Kapodistrias' plan to introduce them to Greece had succeeded. And now some of the most famous Greek dishes, like moussaka, use potatoes as a basic ingredient.