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“There Is No Doubt that the Court of the Entire Society is the as Faithful and Impartial as Truth May Desire...” Order of the Civil Governor of the Stavropol Gubernia P. A. Bryanchaninov to the Chief Bailiff of Nomadic Peoples Colonel P. N. Ivanov: 1860

Abstract

The article attempts source analysis of the order of the civil governor of Stavropol gubernia P.

A. Bryanchaninov to the chief bailiff of nomadic peoples Colonel P. N. Ivanov dated July 12, 1860 and stored in the fond 249 “Chief bailiff of nomadic peoples” of the State Archive of the Stavropol Krai. Although there emerged normative base for regulating institutional subsystem in nomadic societies in first quarter of the 19th century, the legislation was less than perfect. Using general and special methods of scientific research allows to study the document as a source on the history of judicial system and legal proceedings of nomadic Mohammedans in the Stavropol gubernia in the 19th century. Historical reconstruction and analysis of Imperial legislation of the life of nomadic peoples of the Stavropol gubernia define the state of legal proceedings and trends in state policy aimed at integration of the nomads in the Russian legal, social, and economic space. The biographical method identifies which personal traits of the officials contributed to changes in the state system, improving the efficiency of the judicial system. The author concludes that the text of the published order shows not only weakness and inefficiency of judicial system of nomadic peoples. It also highlights the following points. Firstly, imperfect mechanism of effectuation of justice did not take into account geographical factor and nomadic economy. Secondly, personal characteristics of decision-making officials influenced the development of socio-economic system, as well legal. Thirdly, drafts for changing the system of justice demonstrated trends in state policies in the Imperial regions.

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