

COLLECTION 1 (f.1)

THE SENATORS PRESIDING IN THE DIVANS OF THE PRINCIPALITIES OF MOLDOVA AND WALLACHIA

Timeframe: 1808-1830

Catalogue books: 2 (in Russian)

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Russian senators presided in the Divans of the Principalities of Moldavia and Wallachia in accordance with the Decree of Aleksandr I beginning in 1808. The senators replaced the rulers who were enthroned by Turkey in the Divans. The senator's office consisted of a chancellery divided into sections, headed by the governor, auditors, two secretaries, two interpreters, a registrar and four accountants.

The senator examined and approved the decisions of the Divans, confirming in office the persons elected by the Divans, establishing the tax quotas and service norms, controlling the distribution of the expenditure items of the Treasury, the execution by the Divans of the needs of the Russian army. According to the Treaty of Bucharest between Russia and Turkey (1812), Bessarabia (the territory between the Prut and the Dniester) was included in the composition of the Russian Empire with regional rights. With effect from August 15, 1812, the Divans were suppressed.

- Documents regarding the organization of the administration of the Principalities of Moldavia and Wallachia (1808).
- Decrees and conditions for recording the decrees of the Governor Senate in matters of administration of the Principalities.
- Documents on transforming the Divans of the Principalities of Moldavia and Wallachia, regarding the formation of the new government in Wallachia (1810).
- Files regarding the appointment of senators and vice-presidents of the Divan S.S.Kushnikov (1808), Enghelgardt (1809), Steker (1811).
- Minutes of the meetings of the Divan senators (1811).
- Data regarding the appointment of officials, the establishment of police bodies, commissions and committees.
- Correspondence with the commander of the army deployed in Moldova P.I.Bagratiun, with the vice-president of the Principality of Wallachia Enghelgardt regarding the severing of diplomatic relations between Russia and Austria (1809), regarding the conclusion of the Peace Treaty with Sweden (1808).

- Correspondence with Commander Prozorovski regarding the termination of trade with Turkey, files regarding the extension of the validity period of the Regulation, Russia's trade with Moldova and Wallachia, regarding the resumption of trade with Austria (1811-1812).
- Documents on the Russo-Turkish War of 1806-1812. Files regarding the appointment of the commanders of the Army of the Danube (1806-1812).
- Orders of the commanders-in-chief. Correspondence with P.I.Bagratiun, M.I.Kutuzov regarding military operations on the territory of Bessarabia, the deployment, cantonment of troops, the construction of military objectives, the repair of bridges, of the Bender fortress, itineraries of the advance of the armies.
- The file regarding the death of Count Suvorov of Rimnic (1811).
- Documents regarding the constitution of the zemstva troops in the Principalities of Moldavia and Wallachia, the regiment of volunteer hunters from Wallachia, regarding the preparation for the advance of the Cossack regiments on the Don (1811) to the Dniester, the completion of the Russian army with recruits.
- Documents regarding the supply of the Army from the Danube with food, fodder, shells, regarding the requisitioning of means of transport from the population for the needs of the army.
- Files regarding the establishment in Bucharest of a commission of inquiry to detect abuses committed by civil servants. Correspondence of the commission of inquiry.
- Files regarding the examination of the complaints received from the population regarding the persecutions admitted by the military administration, the abuses of the military formations, which passed through some localities on the way to the places of deployment of the army.
- Criminal and civil files regarding murders, robberies, bribery.
- Files regarding the examination of land disputes.
- Files regarding the examination of denunciations and measures to combat the actions of outlaws.
- Documents regarding the examination of the complaints received from peasants, clerics, boyars, foreign subjects regarding the collection of excessive taxes and tributes, the persecutions and insults admitted by the administrators.
- Files regarding the establishment of the committee for the examination of the documents of the Moldavian boyars, of the monasteries regarding the right of possession of the houses.
- Data on the population, social conditions in the Principalities of Moldavia and Wallachia, regarding the inhabitants who moved from France,

Transylvania, Russia and other countries; regarding the examination of the petitions of the Bulgarians from across the Danube to move to Bugeac.

- Lists of Transdanubian settlers.
- Files regarding the search and detention of serf peasants who fled from Russia to the Principalities of Moldavia and Wallachia.
- Data about serf Gypsies from the Principality.
- Lists of revenues and expenses in the treasuries of the Principalities of Moldavia and Wallachia.
- Files regarding the leasing of saline exploitations, the prohibition of the inhabitants of the Principalities to export cereals, fodder, wine.
- Provisions of payment for the maintenance of post offices, about the execution by the inhabitants of the benefits regarding the repair of roads, bridges, regarding the leasing of a new building for the prison in Chisinau.
- Lists of forests, distilleries, salt mines. Data regarding mineral deposits, the development of industry and agriculture, the measures for the development of sheep of the Tzigaie breed, of handicrafts.
- Files regarding the situation of the peasants, regarding the establishment of quotas for rents, taxes and charges, levied from the inhabitants of Bessarabia (depending on the social status).
- Data about the development of culture, education, about the inauguration in Iasi of the Botanical Garden (1811).
- Correspondence with Field Marshal Prozorovski regarding the inauguration of the Dicastery of Exarchs for Moldova, Wallachia and Bessarabia and the appointment of Metropolitan Gavriil Bănulescu-Bodoni of Kiev as a member of the Synod and exarch of Moldova and Wallachia (1808).
- Data regarding the estates of the monasteries in Bessarabia. Litigation and land actions.
- File regarding the intensification of the activity of churches and monasteries in the Principality, caused by the appointment of the new exarch Gavriil, the re-endowment of some Turkish mosques in Orthodox churches, regarding the introduction of civil status registers in churches (1806).
- **Jews (judging from the names) as claimants and defendants in lawsuits, in contracts.**