

COLLECTION 4 (F.4)
PROVISIONAL COMMITTEE OF BESSARABIA

Timeframe: 1816-1818

Catalogue books: 2 (in Russian):

<http://arhiva.gov.md/wp-content/uploads/2022/06/F.-4-Inv.-1.pdf>

<http://arhiva.gov.md/wp-content/uploads/2022/06/F.-4-Inv.-2.pdf>

FILES: 162.

The Provisional Regional Committee of the Resident of Bessarabia was established in 1816. This committee consisted of representatives of the most prominent local landlords and Russian officials.

The Provisional Committee was in charge of drawing up the draft statute for the administration of Bessarabia, establishing provisional county authorities and determining their duties, establishing police supervision, examining the state revenue accounts, establishing postal communications, the cordon line for the prevention of epidemics, establishing benefits, protecting settlers, improving the judicial procedure, establishing social status.

During the work of the Committee the system of administration of the region underwent various changes. In the counties, the offices of revisors, county supervisors and ocoleurs were established. The Provisional Committee drew up the draft Statute for the formation of the Bessarabia region, which confirmed the changes in the administration of the county during the years 1813-1818.

In 1818, having exhausted its powers, the Provisional Committee was suspended and its powers were transferred to the Supreme Council of Bessarabia.

- File on the establishment of the Provisional Committee of Bessarabia, its composition and functions (1816).
- Minutes of Committee meetings (1816-1818).
- Documents on the assumption of office by the civilian governor Catacazi, the appointment of court counsellor Yushnevsky to the State College of Foreign Affairs (1817).
- Data on the activity of state institutions.
- List of documents of the commission of inquiry (1821-1822).
- Materials of the investigation commissions on combating abuses in the counties of Chisinau, Orhei and Ismail (1821-1825). Correspondence on the organization of the commercial court in Ismail.

- Files on the confirmation of inhabitants in the social states. Data on the number of skutelnici and breslasi in the Basarabia region (1816). Data on the population of the Bessarabia region (1815-1816).
- Lists of ethnic Russians living in Bessarabia and engaged in agriculture (1817).
- Contracts for the delivery of wood and food products to Polish settlers who had settled in the Bessarabian region. Materials on the resettlement of Gypsies from Moldova to the Bessarabia region.
- Materials on the tax system and the distribution of taxes according to social status. Files on the examination of petitions on benefit exemption and tax reduction.
- The request of the society of the shoemaking workshop in Chisinau on the approval of the working rules (1817).
- Labels received from industrialists concerning the export of fruit water from Chisinau (1831).
- Files on the situation of post routes and stations, the organization of spare shops, the opening of educational institutions in the region. Report of the regional government department on the work of the medical service.
- **File 4.1.30. Correspondence between the Bessarabian Provisional Committee and the 2nd Department of the Regional Government regarding the petition of the Solicitor of the Jewish Society of Soroca Leib Meerovich about the excessive taxation of the members of the Society. 12.04.1817 – 08.08.1817.**