

**COLLECTION 5 (F.5)  
GOVERNMENT OF BESSARABIA REGION**

**Timeframe: 1813-1830**

**Catalogue books: 4 (in Russian):**

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In January 1813, the resident of Bessarabia region Admiral Chichagov established, under the Rules of Administration of Bessarabia region, the provisional government of Bessarabia under the leadership of the governor, consisting of two departments. The first department - the judiciary - constituted the executive and judicial body. This department consisted of three expeditions. The first was in charge of civil matters, the second - of criminal matters and the third was in charge of the police.

The General Assembly of the two departments under the chairmanship of the Governor constituted the court of appeal.

The second department was the organ of disposition and also consisted of three departments: statistics, finance and economics. In August 1816 the departments were reorganised. The first department had three expeditions: executive, state economy and state revenue.

The second judicial department was divided into two subdivisions: civil and criminal. The general assembly of the departments examines civil cases on appeal.

In February 1818, the second judicial department was reorganized, under the new Statute of Administration of the region, into the Criminal Court of Bessarabia; the first department was abolished and in its place were organized two expeditions: executive and state economy.

In February 1828, the Regional Government of Bessarabia was reorganized under the draft law "Institutions for the Administration of Bessarabia" into the Regional Administration of Bessarabia.

The collection contains the documents on following subjects:

- Decrees of the Senate Governor of 1816, 1818, 1821, 1824-1828. Copies of the manifesto of Emperor Alexander I on the conclusion of the work of the Congress of Vienna (1815) and the decree of Nikolai I on the manner of trial for preparation and participation in the rebellion of December 1825, for participation in the work of secret revolutionary circles and societies (1826).
- Files on the establishment of the regional government of Bessarabia (1813), on its structure, on the change of names of departments I and II;

on the activity of the executive expeditions and state economy, on the establishment and activity of the Supreme Council.

- Minutes of meetings of the regional government and its expeditions, registers of meetings. Documents on the appointment of I.M.Harting as military commander and administrator of the civil part of the region (1813), on the entry into office of the plenipotentiary resident of Bessarabia A.N.Bahmetiev (1816).
- Documents on the establishment of self-administration bodies of social states in Bessarabia, on the opening of town halls, on the election of mayors, ratmans, starostilor. File on the introduction of the coat of arms and uniform for the nobles and officials of the Bessarabia region
- File on the election by the nobility of Bessarabia of the court councillor Rashcani (1818).
- Excerpts from the rules on the obligations of peasants to landowners. Proposals of the Resident of Bessarabia on measures to repress persons fighting for the freedom of the peasants.
- Records on the taking of the oath of allegiance to Russia by the inhabitants of Bessarabia region after the annexation of Bessarabia to Russia and by the inhabitants of Bugeac district (1817). Alphabetical list of villages and towns of Bessarabia region, Akkerman and Hotin counties.
- Documents on the division of Bessarabia into counties.
- Registers, lists on the population census as a whole and by social status.
- Data on the census of gypsies (Roma), mazils, ruptashes, razeshes and horsemen. Documents on the examination of petitions for the acquisition of social status and obedience.
- Materials on the census of Bulgarians (Transdanubians), on confirmation of guardianship. Documents on the appointment of starostes in the Bulgarian colonies, on the links of the local authorities with the settlers' service in Bessarabia and its activity.
- Data on the nobles and landowners who moved across the Dniester (1818).
- File on the examination of the petitions of the Serbian inhabitants of the village of Sperietei, Orhei county, concerning their resettlement on state lands and their resettlement rights (1813).
- Documents on the opening in Bessarabia region of county courts, inspector's institutions and treasuries (1818).
- Files on the examination of petitions and complaints against landowners concerning cases of beatings, persecution of peasants by landowners, concerning taxes and too high benefits. Documents on measures to

combat vagrancy. Civil and criminal files on the division of property, inheritance, murders, beatings, robberies.

- Correspondence with the Chisinau city police about the causes of the fire in the second district of the city (1819).
- Circulars of the Ministry of Police on the establishment of customs and quarantine posts in Bessarabia (1814).
- Lists on the embodiment of troops in Bessarabia (1827-1828). Data on the tax system in Bessarabia before the annexation to Russia. Files on the collection of taxes from the population, on the arrears of the region's revenues, given on the basis of the contracts. File on the conduct of the review of the financial activity of the second department of the regional government of Bessarabia.
- Statistical data collections by counties (1816-1820). Statistical data collected by police institutions and self-administration bodies for the purpose of describing the statistical-military situation of the region (1822).
- Data on sowing, cereal and vegetable harvests and the number of animals brought from abroad for wintering.
- Files on land ownership, lease of state land in Bessarabia. File on the legalization of land sale-purchase acts, procured by the exarch of the Bessarabia region, Metropolitan Gavriil (1815). Files on land disputes.
- Files on how to import goods from abroad, on allowing merchants to trade with those abroad, on allowing grain to be exported to Austria (1814). Lists of the quantity of goods shipped abroad: animals, wool, meat, grain, foodstuffs and their prices. Records on the passage of goods by smuggling.
- Documents on the development of mail routes and roads. File on the inauguration in the city of Chisinau of the "Pension of noble girls" (1818), on the construction of churches.
- Data on measures taken to combat the plague epidemic (1813, 1820-1821).
- **Censuses and statistics on population, including Jewish societies.**
- **Files on joining the Jewish societies by the Jews arriving from the other regions.**
- **Files on taxation of Jews.**
- **Files on the Jewish schools, vocational schools and Jewish private teachers.**
- **Efforts on encouraging Jews to engage in agriculture.**

The collection is followed by the name index, containing a notable number of Jewish names.

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