

Management apparatus of Kazakh volosts (1824-1868): from traditional institutions to imperial forms

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Abstract

During the 19th century, a gradual process of forming the volost system on the steppe territory of the Kazakh zhuzes, representing ethno-territorial associations of Kazakh tribes, took place. The first volosts of the nomadic Kazakh population of the Middle Zhuz were organized as a result of the administrative reform of 1822 prepared by M.M. Speransky. The unification of Kazakh volosts as part of the external districts (okrug) subordinated to the Omsk oblast (region) (1822-1838), then the Border Administration of Siberian Kazakhs (1838-1854), and as part of two oblasts (regions) - the Semipalatinsk' and Siberian Kazakhs' (1854-1868) facilitated the formation of a unified system with neighboring internal the provinces of the Russian Empire at the local level of government and the dissemination of legal norms of the empire. The purpose of the paper is to study the process of forming the apparatus for managing the Kazakh nomadic volosts in the Russian Empire in 1824-1868 based on the analysis of adaptation of traditional institutions of power to new imperial forms of government. The paper will be prepared on the materials of the Central State Archive of the Republic of Kazakhstan.

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