

## THE PERSONNEL ISSUE IN THE ACTIVITIES OF THE RUSSIAN AUTHORITIES IN THE CENTRAL CAUCASUS ON THE EXAMPLE OF THE MOSDOK UPPER BORDER COURT IN 1793-1822

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*The article considers the personnel issue in the activities of the Russian authorities in the Central Caucasus on the materials of the Mosdok Upper Border Court in 1793-1822. Its place in the system of court and administration bodies in the region is determined. On the materials of its activity various forms of incorporation of local elites into the political and legal space of the empire are characterized. The procedure for appointment and dismissal of judges has been studied. It is concluded that in the course of solving the personnel issue in order to involve representatives of the local population in the activities of the local judicial and administrative control institutions established in the late XVIII - early XIX, the authorities held elections on the basis of the principles of ethnic, territorial and class representation, paid judges salaries from the Russian treasury and awarded some of them military ranks.*

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