

# TO THE QUESTION OF THE ORIGINS OF THE FORMATION OF THE SYSTEM OF BAILIFF (PRISTAV) OFFICES IN THE NORTH CAUCASUS IN THE LAST THIRD OF THE 18th CENTURY

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*The article considers the origins of the formation of the system of bailiffs (pristavs) in the North Caucasus in the last third of the 18th century. The place of pristavs in the system of local judicial and administrative control of the Russian authorities over the life of the indigenous population is determined. The peculiarities of the establishment of the Kabardin and the Nogai pristavs have been studied, the functions of the officers have been described, their territorial jurisdiction has been established, attempts have been made to restore their identities. It was concluded that the units established in the last third of the 18th century in the Central Caucasus and Steppe Pre-Caucasus became the basis for the subsequent creation of the Office of the Chief Pristav - a structure integrating and coordinating the activities of local (private) pristavs.*

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