

**THE GOVERNOR'S REPORTS AS A SOURCE FOR STUDYING
THE POLITICAL, LEGAL AND SOCIO-ECONOMIC ASPECTS
OF THE INCORPORATION OF THE SOUTH CAUCASUS
INTO THE RUSSIAN EMPIRE IN THE
MID-FORTIES - THE FIRST HALF OF SIXTIES OF XIX CENTURY**

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The article considers gubernatorial reports as historical sources for the study of the political, legal and socio-economic aspects of the incorporation of the South Caucasus into the Russian Empire in the mid-40s - first half of the 60s. XIX century. Annual reports of the leaders of the Georgian-Imereti (until 1846), Tiflis, Kutaisi, Shemakha, Derbent and Erivan were analysed. The structure and content of parts of the report and their annexes containing statistical materials are studied in detail. Their informative impact was determined for the study of the administrative-territorial structure, the activities of state institutions, the social, ethnic and confessional composition of population, agriculture, health care and education, and communication routes on the southern outskirts of the Russian Empire in the middle of the XIX century.

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