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To the Minister of State Property

No. 1114

Administration of the Kherson gubernia government.

Department 1.

Office 2 (in charge of Colonies).

August 24, 1842.

Regarding the release of persons chosen by the communities of the new Jewish Colonies to other gubernias with the goal of collecting donations for the construction of synagogues and prayer houses.

Jewish landowners of the new Jewish Colonies established in the Kherson gubernia: Lvov, Novy Berislav, Novopoltavka, Romanovskaya, and Malaya Sejdemenukha, petitioned the local administration for permission to release three representatives from each Colony chosen among themselves, trustworthy and of good behavior, for six months with the goal of collecting voluntary donations from their coreligionists for the construction of synagogues and prayer houses in said Colonies. They are entitled to do so by law, and they do not have funds to accomplish this themselves. As the said Jews are settlers originally from different gubernias, they ask for release of the chosen representatives for the specified time period: – Courland Jews in the Courland gubernia, Polotsk Jews in the Vitebsk gubernia, Propoisk Jews in the Mogilev gubernia. They guarantee that the designated Jews will return to the places of their residency, that their households received from the State will be safeguarded.

The Kherson gubernia government presents this and adds that it does not see any objections by the Colony Administration, and is asking for permission to issue to said Jews for the designated period of time the identifications and books where they must record donations for the construction of synagogues and prayer houses in the Colonies.

According to paragraph 15 of the opinion of the State Council approved by his Majesty on November 4, 1837 and distributed as part of the government decree on December 16 of this year, placard passports are not issued to Jews for long-term absences from Colonies; for short-term absences and travel on short distances within the Kherson gubernia they could be issued appropriate Identifications for not longer than one month and not more frequently than two times a year. Thus, I have the honor to submit the explained petition of the Kherson gubernia government for your kindly consideration and permission of Your Excellency. Humbly asking to advice of your decision.

Administration of the Kherson gubernia government.

In response to the request of the Administration of the Kherson gubernia government of July 14 of last year No. 4583, I asked the Minister of State Property for the decision on the petition to allow the release of representatives chosen by the new Jewish Colonies for six month into different gubernias with the goal of collecting voluntary donations from their coreligionists for the construction of synagogues and prayer houses, because the opinion of the State Council approved by his Majesty on November 4, 1837 states that placard passports are not issued to Jews for long-term absences from Colonies, etc, to the end of the paragraph 15 of the decree.