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Administration of the Governor General of Novorossijsk and Bessarabia

Department 1.

Office 2 of the Kherson gubernia Administration.

No. 15022.

To His Excellency Acting Governor General of Novorossijsk and Bessarabia

Report regarding the instructions relative to the request to collect voluntary donations for the construction of synagogues in Jewish Colonies.

Gubernia Administration considered the report of the Administrator of Jewish Colonies, lieutenant colonel Demidov, that states that the Jewish landowners residing in the colonies chose among themselves for the purpose of establishing synagogues and prayer houses, the following individuals:

Lvov – Levin Lapidus, Beniamin Kurzan, and Khatskel Sholomzon;

Novy Berislav – Simon Gotlib, Khaim Bari, and Yakub Geymanson;

Novopoltavka – Girsh Geymanson, Mejer Yakubson, and Gosel Vulverson;

Romanovskaya – Movsha Palchik, Movsha Kuklinsky, and Khaim Palchik;

Malaya Sejdemenukha – Gosel Perlov, Berko Tsvik, and Lazar Magrachev.

On October 12, he supplied them with tickets to travel for six months: the first three colonies to the Courland gubernia, and the last two to the Vitebsk and Mogilev gubernia, respectively. And he supplied them with corded books to record the voluntary donations. From the future collected funds, each colony allocated for each three representatives five silver kopecks from each ruble.

To ensure that the released landowners will return to the places of their residency and the collected sum will not be embezzled, Demidov received written guarantees from them and also notified the city police and other offices by reports to the Vitebsk, Mogilev, Courland, Poltava, Kiev, Cherigov, Minsk, and Vilen gubernias, and sending orders to the Bobrinetsk and Aleksandrijsk city police.

We hereby asking and directing the police to carry out precisely all the suggestions of lieutenant colonel Demidov regarding protection of funds being collected by Jews for construction of synagogues and prayer house as well as to contribute to the timely return of said Jews to the places of their residency. Hereby advising lieutenant colonel Demidov of the above and reporting to Your Excellency.

Governor (signature)

Vice Governor (signature)

Assistant (signature)

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