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The Solemn Russian Embassy in Constantinople after the Kyuchuk-Kaynardzhi Peace of 1774. Organization of the Trip.

(Abstract)

Article 27 of the Kyuchuk-Kaynardzhi Treaty provides for the exchange of ceremonial embassies to promote peace and friendship between the two empires. The residence of the Russian ambassador in Constantinople had to comply with the rules established between the Sublime Porte and the European countries most respected by it. It is no coincidence that the embassy was headed by a famous general, a participant in the war, who had signed the peace in Kyuchuk-Kaynardzha, Prince Nikolay Vasilievich Repnin. The organization of the solemn embassy of 1775-1776 provided for the observance of the established specific ceremony both during the trip and in the capital of the Ottoman Empire. The object of the proposed study is the preliminary preparation of the trip, as well as the specification of the ceremony and the rules that both parties were obliged to follow. The embassy's journey to Constantinople in 1775 is briefly traced. The study aims to present the disputes, clarifications, decisions on important elements of the rituals and the ceremony as an expression of the relations between the two empires immediately after the peace of 1774 - relations in which the Russian side demonstrates strength, above all determination but also readiness for reasonable compromises. Some organizational decisions are also mentioned, which complement the overall picture of the movement both within the borders of the Russian Empire and within the Ottoman territories.

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