

**REIGN OF THE SOVEREIGN EMPRESS CATHERINE II
1769 yr.**

28. -- November 16. The Nominal, given to the Kiev-based General-Governor Voejkov.¹

On the rights granted to Volokhs,² Greeks, Armenians and the Schismatics [old-believers], dispatched (detained) from active/field army-duty - to choose a place for residence, or to enter service according to their wishes, and about a permission for the Jews to settle in one of Novorossiya's Provinces.

[We, the Empress] Most Graciously probate a proposition - concerning the dispatched in different time from the first army -Volokhs, Greeks, Armenians, Schismatics and Jews, who were first-referenced in the reasonings about the one Faith, thus, to welcome others of their compatriots to these regional lands, treat them in the same manner as the last Turkish war, and that is why, accepting them not like prisoners of war, but with favor, grant those an opportunity to choose by themselves an occupation in Russian Empire, that is: to settle either in Yekaterininskaya Province³ or in Little Russia (Malorossiya), or get allocated into the Moldavian Hussar Regiment, or having received (upon receiving) from it [the Hussar Regiment] a written testimony, move to other internal regions of the Empire either for engaging in some kind of craft, or to accept service-work from [enroll into service to] particular people; therefore, for all these above-mentioned people, the General-Governor should make such allocations according to his proper consideration, although in agreement with their own desires; and henceforward, with all such people, as with other ones sent by Commanders, Chiefs Generals of the armies, proceed in the same way, except for the Jews, who are allowed to settle solely only in Novorossiya Governorate.

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1. Voeikov, Fedor Matveevich (1703-1778) - Russian diplomat and statesman, governor of East Prussia, Kiev and Novorossiysk provinces. In 1766, he became Governor-General of Kiev and Novorossiysk ("Kiev Governorate General Governor, Novorossiisk Governorate Main Commander and Cavalier"). He remained in office until 1775. Wojejkow Voejkov
2. **Volokhs** - Volókhy or "Vlachs", "Wallach", and "Wallachians" – see Wikipedia - a historical term from the Middle Ages that designates an exonym—a name that foreigners use—mostly for the Romanians who lived north and south of the Danube.
3. The Catherine Province was one of the provinces of the Russian Empire, consisting of small fortifications and fortified settlements of the Dnieper to the Don to hold the raids of the Crimean Tatar; with the center in Belevskaya Fortress (now Kharkov region). Catherine's province was formed as part of Novorossiya Governorate (Novorossiyskaya Guberniya or New Russia Governorate) in 1764. The province included the adjacent parts of Kharkov, Dnepropetrovsk and Donetsk regions.