

REIGN of THE SOVEREIGN EMPRESS ELIZAVETA PETROVNA

1744 yr.

**25.** -- of January 25 **the Senate's decree**--

*About the exile abroad of the Jews from the Little and White Russias and other conquered cities, and prohibition of their coming to Russia even for bargaining/trading during the market-fairs.*

In the past year of 1742, on the 1<sup>st</sup> day of December \*\*) by Her Imperial Majesty's Supreme decree it was commanded: from the whole Russian Empire, both from the Great Russia's, and from the Little Russia's cities all Jews, male and female, no matter of what their rank and status may be, with all their possessions shall be immediately deported abroad, and henceforth they shall not be allowed to enter Russia for nothing and under any pretext, except those of them who express a wish to be baptized in the Christian faith of the Greek confession. Having those baptized, permit them to live in Her Imperial Majesty's Empire, but no longer shall they be allowed to go out of the Russian State. For the execution of Her Imperial Majesty's Supreme decree, the Senate manifested throughout the whole State, and moreover in the past year of 1743 \*\*\*), that all Jews had to be finally deported from all places of the Russian Empire, and through Her Imperial Majesty's decrees and from the Senate itself throughout all Regions, Provinces and cities in the Little Russia and in Riga it was most strictly ordered. However, weather all the Jews, dwelling in Little Russia and in Riga, were deported by the power of Her Imperial Majesty's Supreme and the Senate's corroborative decrees - no reports were received about that until now. For the sake of reinforcing an execution of the aforementioned Her Imperial Majesty's Named personal decree from the 2<sup>nd</sup> day of December 1742\*\*\*\*), as well as the accompli and signed with Her own Imperial Majesty's hand, in the presence of the Supreme Her Imperial Majesty's Governing Senate, resolution on the 16<sup>th</sup> day of December, upon the reported at the Senate petition about the non-expulsion of the Jews from the Little Russia and from Riga Province, The Governing Senate had ordered the following: by the letter of the aforementioned Her Imperial Majesty's Supreme decree from the 2<sup>nd</sup> day of December of the year of 1742, all the Jews, dwelling in the Little Russia, and in Riga, and in other Great Russia's and the conquered cities, must be exiled abroad, and henceforth must not be allowed to return to Russia for nothing, and under no pretext, even in the times of the fair for the markets, even for a short period of time, and furthermore no petitions about permitting them to enter shall be sent from anywhere by anyone to the Governing Senate; though the reports whether all these Jews were deported should still be presented to the Governing Senate. (*II. II. C. 3., m. XII, № 8,867*)

\* See. Number 22, p. 15.

\*\* See. Number 23, p. 17.

\*\*\* See. Number 24, p. 18.

\*\*\*\* See. Number 2, p. 17.