

ABSTRACT

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In the dissertation, on the basis of the analysis of normative legal acts operating on the Ukrainian territories which in the studied period were a part of the Russian empire, domestic and foreign scientific literature, archival documents and other written sources the normative-legal fixing of the Russian imperial policy on the Ukrainian lands during XVIII – early twentieth century).

The paper provides a theoretical generalization of the historical experience of normative and legal consolidation of Russian imperial policy in the Ukrainian lands (18th – early 20th centuries). The study of this important scientific problem provided an opportunity to substantiate the author's conceptual vision of the trend of the then spread to the legal traditions of the Moscow Empire.

The periodization of the development of normative and legal consolidation of the Russian imperial policy on the Ukrainian lands has been improved, where two stages have been singled out. The first chronologically covers approximately the first three quarters of the eighteenth century. and can be characterized as a stage of final determination of the vector of policy of the Moscow state (Russian Empire) on the Ukrainian lands and its normative consolidation, development of organizational principles. The second (late eighteenth – early twentieth century.) Characterized by the evolution of legal consolidation of Russian imperial policy in the Ukrainian lands, which manifested itself in the legal support of the interests of the Russian Empire during the codification of Ukrainian law, development of legal bases of language, cultural and religious policy of the Russian Empire. lands, opposition to the activities of Ukrainian parties and public organizations.

It is emphasized that since the middle of the XVII, and especially throughout the end of the XVIII century. the lands of the Left Bank of Ukraine underwent political and socio-economic transformations. There have been radical changes in the direction of centralization. It was found that the implemented changes were aimed at creating an effective mechanism of a centralized absolutist state.

The processes of activation during the eighteenth century are studied. policy of seizure by the Russian Empire of territories belonging to other states. It is shown that the main features of the national policy on the conquered territories during the eighteenth - early nineteenth century. there was a declaration of the lands of the conquered peoples as being in the supreme possession of the empire; enslavement of the then free population; granting benefits to the part of the local aristocracy that agreed to «loyalty». It is confirmed that at the end of the eighteenth century. in the Ukrainian lands, which were under the control of Russia, completely dominated the social, administrative, legal, relations inherent in other parts of the empire.

It is emphasized that the state and legal policy of the Russian Empire in Ukraine during the second half of the XVIII – early XIX centuries. has undergone a significant evolution - from unification actions, in general, inherent in the legal nature of any empire, to openly discriminatory steps against Ukrainians, due to the chauvinistic orientation that accompanied the process of formation of the political Russian nation.

It was found that the policy aimed at removing the Ukrainian language from the cultural space also conditioned the cultural imperial policy, which from the 1980s took on the character of leveling the cultural differences between Ukrainians and Russians. However, such aspects were guided only by bylaws.

Key words: imperial policy, law, local authorities, organizational bases, Russian Empire, Ukrainian provinces.