

HISTORY

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Peasant community in the system of state management on the materials of 1861 year's reform

The place and the role of the peasant community in the public administration of the Russian Empire after the reform of 1861 are reviewed on the basis of law-making files. Peasant commune is characterized as a social institution, a legal organization of the peasantry. It acted the part of inferior supervisory authority. Community as an administrative authority was in charge of broad enough range of issues: ranging from simple control to the functions of guardianship and insurance. It was final body read into contact the main branches: the executive, the judiciary in legislating scale and legislative in some cases. It mainly manifested at domestic and economic levels. Community executed public functions and at the same time was the authority of public administration, combining state administration and peasants' self-government.

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