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IN THE LEVANT**

The Dashkov Archive

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Russian-Ottoman Relations in the Levant: The Dashkov Archive draws on the virtually unknown Dashkov collection in the Russian State Historical Archive, St. Petersburg, to examine key aspects of Imperial Russia's complex relationship with the Ottoman Empire in the first half of the nineteenth century. As an advisor at the tsarist embassy in Istanbul, Dmitrii V. Dashkov inspected and supervised Russian consulates in the Levant, visited sacred sites on Mount Athos and in Palestine, and recorded his thoughts and observations in a variety of proposals, memoranda, and dispatches inspired by his experiences in the Greek East. With Dashkov as the focus, this study combines scholarly narrative on Russian-Ottoman relations, a descriptive guide to the Dashkov archival collection, translations of selected documents (including Dashkov's report on the state of Russian consulates in the Levant), excerpts from his pilgrimage to Jerusalem, and his views on Russian and Ottoman administrative reforms.

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