

The Deputies are presented to the Empress of Russia on May 2, 1787.

Passage discovered by Viktor Petkau. See [here](#). Original book is [here](#).

Translation from German (by Glenn Penner):

On the 2nd of May they all took a leave, those who accompanied the Empress, namely the Governor and others. The Empress went to the church, where bishops are consecrated, and tartars are baptized. The citizens brought bread and salt. The German colonists brought butter. Two Mennonites were presented who, with their community, wanted to settle on the promontory between the Syvash Lake and the Sea of Azov and erect factories. Both men felt joy in their hearts when the Empress spoke to them so patronizingly. The Empress ordered that they and their wives [?] should be allowed to watch the ball from the gallery in the evening.