

1788 Letter of support from Russian Consulate General Sokolovski in Danzig for immigration of David Epp

Source: David Epp letter collection. MHA microfilm #69.

This is a paraphrase- a translation seems impossible. Done by Helen Ens 2019
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Mr. S. Socolowsky - Russian emperor's college (?) (ambassador?) in Danzig is addressing G. Trappe, her Majesty's director and curator of the Mennonite Colonies in Russia, speaking for the Mennonite David Epp.

David Epp, a highly respected, honest, hard-working Mennonite desires to move to Russia but has to first sell his farm and all his effects, so that at the time the group of Mennonites move he is unable to do so. He would like to enjoy the same privileges and assistance promised by Her Majesty to the new immigrants even if he arrives later. The writer assures Trappe again of the good character of David Epp and begs him to promise that when Epp arrives in Riga the Sirs Thorley, Morison, Abercromby & Comp. will afford him the same treatment the other immigrants receive. He signs this petition personally and seals it with his hand-seal.

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