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NAME OF COLLECTION: Dmitrii Aleksandrovich OBOLENSKII Diary

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SUBJECT: Imperial Government and Court under Nicholas I and Alexander II

DATES COVERED: 1853-79 NUMBER OF ITEMS: 1

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DESCRIPTION:
Typed transcript (781p.) of the ~~diary~~ diary of Prince Dmitrii A. Obolenskii (1822-81), a high-ranking government official during the reigns of Nicholas I and Alexander II. The diary covers 1853-58, 1861, and 1870-79, with the longest entries for 1855-56, 1870-71, and 1873. Obolenskii discusses current events, personalities, and the imperial central government.

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BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH: DMITRII A. OBOLENSKII

Prince Dmitrii A. Obolenskii was born on 26 October 1822. In 1842 he graduated from the Imperial Law Academy, and began government service. In 1843-53 he served in the Ministry of Justice, briefly in Kazan' and Tula provinces, and then, in St. Petersburg, in the Civil Court Tribunal (palata grazhdanskogo suda).

In 1853-63 he served in the Naval Ministry, and played a major role in its reform. He served as director of the Commissary Department. In 1863-70 he was director of the Customs Department; in 1870-72, assistant to the Minister of State Properties. From then to his death (22 January 1881) he served on various commissions, and was a member of the Senate and the State Council.

Throughout his career, Obolenskii took on many special assignments and served on commissions. One particularly important assignment came in 1862-63, when he chaired two commissions to review legislation and regulations on book publishing. He received many official honors. In 1854 he became a State Councillor; in 1856, Actual State Councillor; in 1863, State Secretary; and 1880, Actual Privy Councillor.

Biographical source: Russkii biograficheskii slovar' (copy of relevant pages included with collection).