Historical Development of Consular Institutions and Consular Rights

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Abstract: The paper is devoted to the history of the consular law in Russia. The author considered consular activities from the beginning of the sixteenth century, the evolution of Russian consular offices abroad is described. Attention is paid to the appearance of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Russian Empire. The rights and duties of consuls and their functions are analyzed. The legal regulation of consular service is studied in detail.