

# **Shaping the Views of G.R. Derzhavin as a Statesman in the Period of Enlightened Absolutism of Catherine II**

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**Abstract:** The paper analyzes some facts and circumstances of G. R. Derzhavin's early life related to the period of historical and legal reign of the empress Catherine II; the influenced of enlightened absolutism on his state and legal views, and his public service in a specified period has been discussed.