

## VLADIMI R TSVERAVA, ELDAR TAVBERIDZE

VASIL MATES-DZE CHILADZE; GEORGIA-IMERETI SYNOD OFFICE  
PROSECUTOR (1814-1828)

Vasil Mates-dze Chiladze is an interesting person in the history of the Georgian literature as a translator but another aspect of his exploits, his participation in the religious life of Georgia during his career as a synod office prosecutor (1814-1828) seems more important. In fact his place in the Georgian literature is quite modest, as we know him only as a translator of some stories from Russian into Georgian and from the Georgian into Russian, and that he enjoyed close relationship with Ioane Batonishvili.

Russian government abolished the autocephaly of the Georgian Church and established a sacred synod branch – *dikasteria*, which then was converted into Georgia-Imereti (Sakartvelo-Imereti) Synod Office. From the year 1815 Vasil Chiladze fills the position of the prosecutor in the synod office and carries out zealous work to register the Church property in its most accurate standards. He was distinguished with managerial skills and the Czar's government rewarded him several times for his conscientious work.

Although he tried to improve peasants' life conditions he developed himself as a Russian officer.

He helped Russian Czarism in the description and registering of the property of the Georgian Church and encouraged the Church reforms that evoked the Imereti protest rebellion against Czarism in 1819-1820s.