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### **QUESTIONS OF GEORGIA'S HISTORY IN EDWARD AICHWALD'S MEMOIRS**

Edward Aichwald, a famous German scientist and traveler was in the Caucasus during 1825-26. He made a journey over almost the entire Georgia and left an interesting description of the country. His writings contain important materials for the study of the country's history.

The author discusses political situation and economic conditions of the period and provides mineral and botanic researches and often gives ethnographic sketches.

Apart from the purely scientific nature of E.Aichwald's expedition to the Caucasus it had also the intelligence significance as Tsarist Russia had determined the complete study of the occupied territories for the better application of the country's natural resources and ruling of the conquered people.

Irrespective of Russia's aims Edward Aichwalds work "Traveling in the Caucasus" present an important historical source. The information provided by the author since the ancient times and ends up in the 19<sup>th</sup> century deserves due attention.

The rediscovery of Edward Aichwald's book and introducing it in the scientific circulation has enriched Georgian historiography with the one more interesting work.