THE DEVELOPMENT OF
A RUSSIAN LEGAL
CONSCIOUSNESS
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To Marlene,

Жить с толь милой женой
Рай во всякой стороне;
Там веселия сердечны,
Сладки, нежны чувствы там;
Там блаженства бесконечны,
Лишь приличные богам.

Г. Р. Державин Препятствие
к свиданию с супругой
Indeed, it is especially military power that makes the man in Russia; all other types of energy depend on manners and institutions, which Russia, in its present state, has not yet developed at all.

Madame de Stael

From the work close at hand, we moved to the distant: we analyzed all the branches of activity—one promised to elevate the military name of his ancestors through science; another to bring all the knowledge of Europe to our industrial world; another to sacrifice his life in the tsar's service, either on the field of battle or in painful civil labors. We trusted ourselves and the others, for our thoughts were pure and our hearts knew no calculations.

Prince Vladimir Odoevskii,

New Years' Day