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## THE LETTERS OF PROTOPRESBYTER DIMITRI PETROVICH NOVSKY TO ARCHIMANDRITE LEONID (KAVELIN) 1873-1875 ГГ.

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**Abstract.** The letters of Protopresbyter Dimitri Petrovich Novsky (1799-1879) to Archimandrite Leonid (Kavelin; 1822-1891), abbot of the stavropegic Resurrection, New Jerusalem monastery, are published. Correspondence between two prominent figures of the Russian Orthodox Church was conducted in 1873-1875, when Fr. Leonid was engaged in the compilation of the Main Inventory of the monastery, which included the inventory of churches, sacristy and book depositories. Protopresbyter Dimitri, rector of the Assumption Cathedral of the Moscow Kremlin, checked this work as a member of the Office of the Holy Synod. His letters testify to the attentive, thoughtful attitude to the documents, which constituted a detailed register of the monastery property. His letters testify to the attentive, thoughtful attitude to the documents, which constituted a detailed register of the monastery property. The remarks of the Protopresbyter, reflected in the correspondence, helped to improve the structure of the Inventory, which to this day remains a reference model for similar historical sources. At the same time, the correspondence contains details of the life and ministry of Fr. Demetrius. These «little things» characterize the personality of the Protopresbyter, who reflected the best features of the Russian Orthodox clergy of the 19th century.

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