

Marriage contract Nr. 269: (Polen-)Litauen - Moskau

- **Date of contract conclusion:** 1495-02-05
- **Place of contract conclusion:** s. l.

Groom

- **Name:** Alexander von (Polen-)Litauen
- **GND:** [119559714](#)
- **Year of Birth:** 1461
- **Year of Death:** 1506
- **Dynasty:** Jagiellonen
- **Confession:** katholisch

Bride

- **Name:** Helena von Moskau
- **GND:** [104321024](#)
- **Year of Birth:** 1476
- **Year of Death:** 1513
- **Dynasty:** Rurikiden
- **Confession:** orthodox

Actors for Groom

- **Name:** Alexander von (Polen-)Litauen
- **GND:** [119559714](#)
- **Dynasty:** Jagiellonen
- **Relationship:** /

Actors for Bride

- **Name:** Iwan III. von Russland
- **GND:** [118711032](#)
- **Dynasty:** Rurikiden
- **Relationship:** Vater

(Polen-)Litauen

1495-02-05

Contract content

Ivan III promises to give his daughter Helena to Alexander as his wife

Alexander promises that he will not force Helena to convert to the Roman [= Catholic] faith, instead she must retain her Greek [= Orthodox] faith

To confirm this agreement, Alexander has it sealed

Confessional regulations

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Ratifications, confirmations, approvals

To confirm this contract, Alexander has had it

Further contracts between contracting parties

Peace treaty ('Eternal Peace') between Ivan III and Alexander on the same day (SRIO, T. 35, No. 24, XVI.)

Commentary

According to the narrative text in the 'Lietuvos Metrika', Ivan III also had the treaty sealed

This treaty was concluded following the peace treaty between the groom and the bride's father, which ended the Russian-Lithuanian War of 1487–1494 (First Russian Border War).

Among other things, the bride's father used the alleged suppression of the bride's faith and the groom's refusal to have an Orthodox church built for her as reasons for the Russian-Lithuanian War of 1500–1503 (Second Russian Border War).

Literature

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- **Contract language print:** Old Belarusian
- **Regest:** Daniłowicz, Ignacy (Hg.): Skarbiec diplomatów papieżkich, cesarskich, krolewskich, książęcych; uchwał narodowych, postanowień różnych władz i urzędów posługujących do krytycznego wyjaśnienia dziejów Litwy, Rusi Litewskiej i ościennych im krajów. T. 2, Wilno 1862, Nr. 2070

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