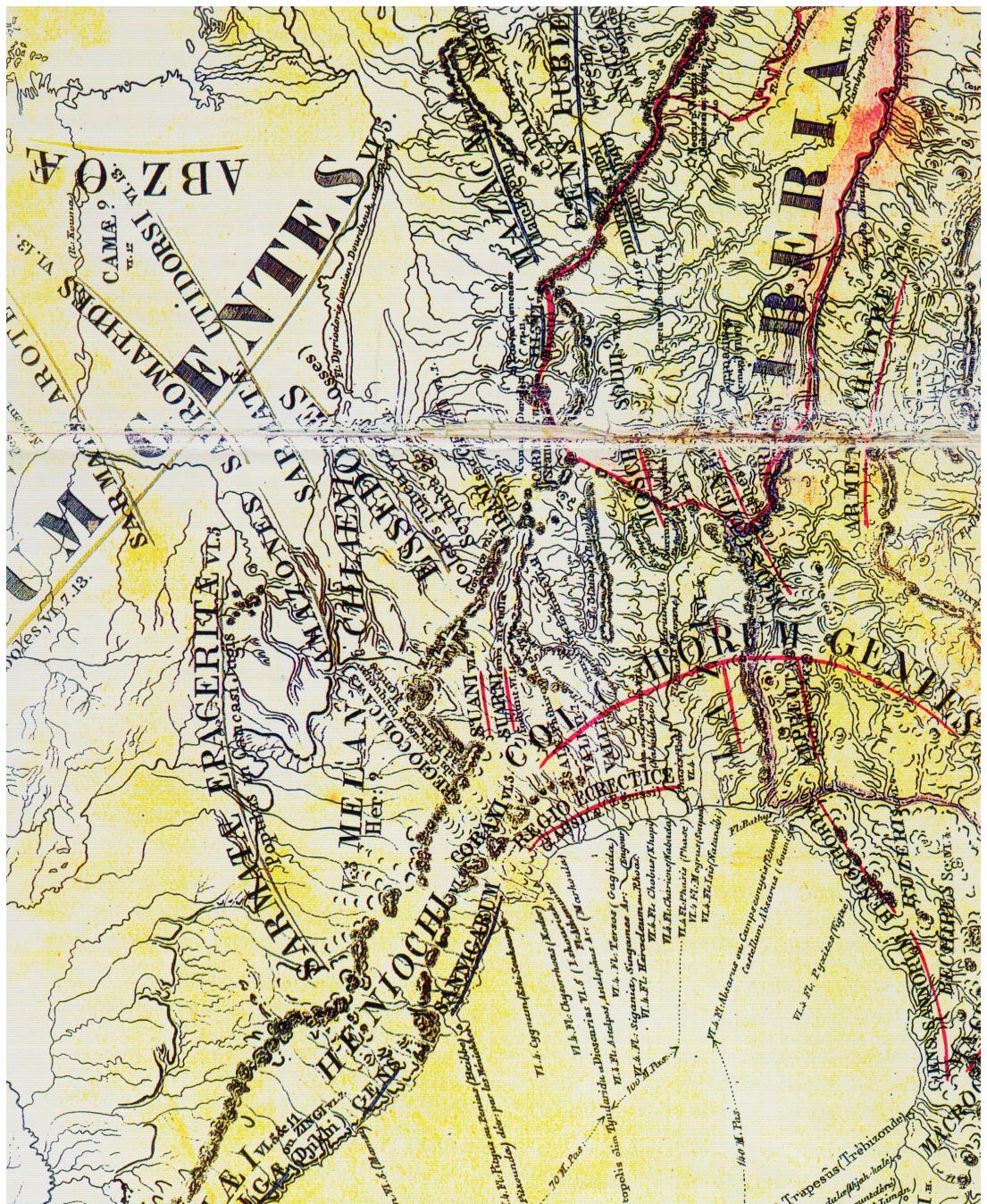


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N1. A fragment of the map of Pompinious Mela (15 – 66 A. D.) is compiled on the basis of the information given by the author or is redrawn in the XVth century. According to the map, Colckhis (Colkhos) has the border on the North-West with the Azov Sea. Thus, the territory of present Abkhazia and historical Jiketi are within the ancient Georgian State.

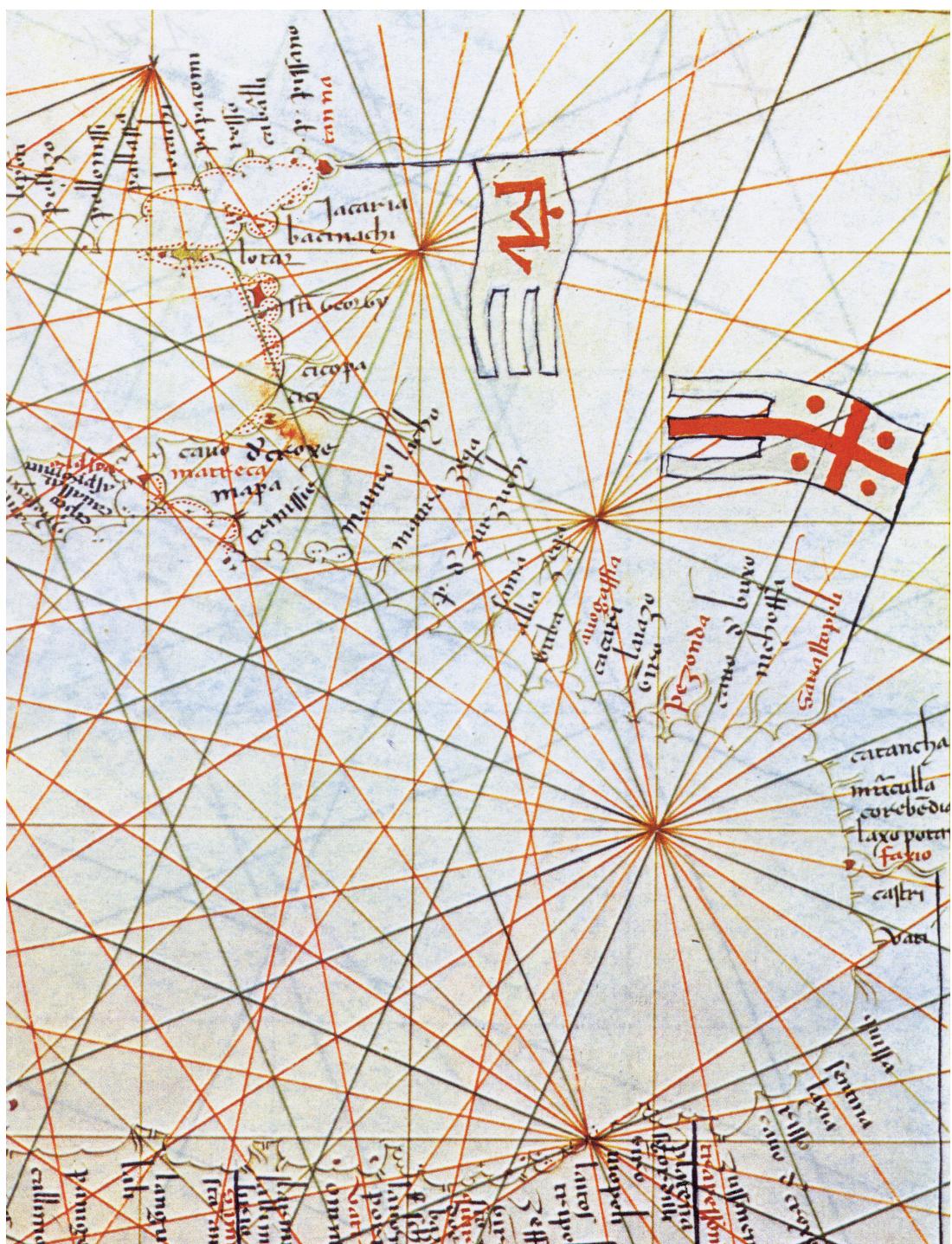
The map is kept in Vatican (Vatikano, Arch. Spietro, Ms H 31, f 8u). Is published in the book: B. Gogia. Abkhazia..., p. 14.



N2 . A fragment of the map by Pliny the Elder (23/24-79), was compiled by Frederik Dubua de Monpere according to the author's text in 1843. The community of Apsils (G. Absilia) is within Egrisi (Regio Ecrectice). Pliny considered the Absils the population of Megrelia, i. e. the Megrelians. As for the the people of Apsua (Abzoae) they are fixed to the North from the Caspian Sea near Astrakhan. It is published in the book : B. Gogia. Abkahzia. . , p. 11 and other editions.



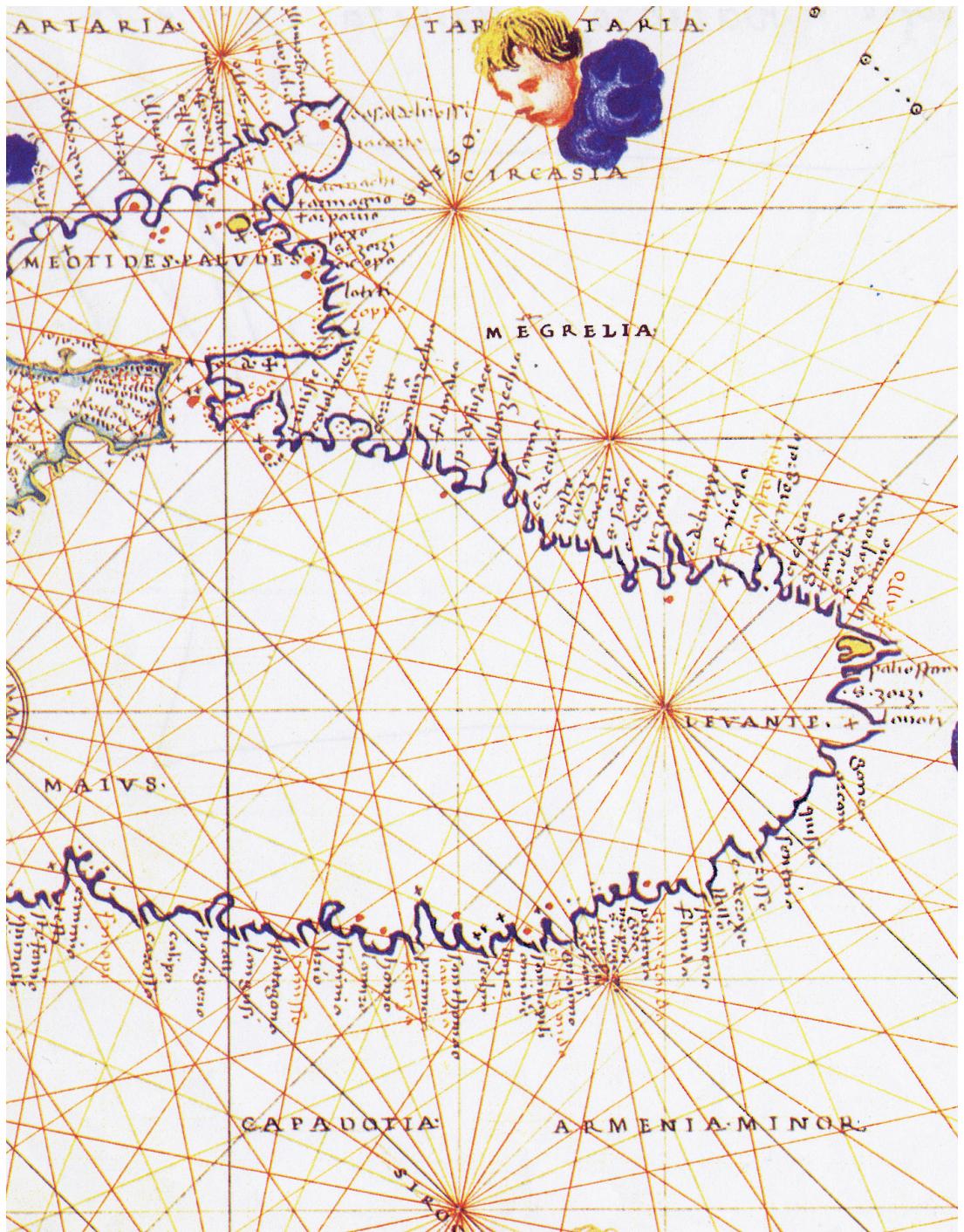
N3. A fragment of the map, being compiled by Claudius Ptolemy, is compiled or redrawn in the XVth century. According to the map, Colkhis (Colkhidis pars) is spread to the Azov sea; the town of Dioskuria (Sukhum) belong to the Megrelians (Manrale); to the north-west from Dioskuria is the river Koraks//Bzip. Up the Koraks are fixed the people of Svanocolkhians (Svanocolkhi), belonging of which to the Georgain nation is undoubtful; then come the Jiks and Acheans. The map is published in the book: B. Gogia. Abkahzia..., p. 16-17.



N4. A fragment of the Black Sea map, being compiled in 1321 by Martin Sanudo. Over Sukhumi (Sebastopolis) five cross (four crosses are depicted in the form of circles) hoists the Georgian flag. The analoguos map was compiled by Petrus Vesconte (1320-1321). They are published in the book: B. Gogia. Abkahzia... p. 25.



N5. A fragment of the map, being compiled by Anhelino Dulcert in 1339. Over the town Sukhumi hoists the five cross Georgian flag on the white background. On the map G. Soleri (1385) over Sukhumi hoists the flag with the image of a palm (J. Gamakharia, B. Gogia. Abkazhia- Hsitorical Region of Georgia, p. 828-830). On the basis of that flag the Separatists created their present flag. The palm is the pure Georgian symbol of the power. A lot of medieval century stellas of the Georgian kings with the image of a plam are being preserved. They were the juridical acts proving the King's right on possession of this or that land. Before and after 1385 Sukhumi belonged to the Dadians (Rulers of Megrelia), consequently the symbol of a palm on the map of Soleri designates the power of the rulers of Megrelia and has nothing in common with the present separatists.



N6. On the map of the Venetian cartograph Batista Agnese (Baptista Agnese), being compiled in 1542 Megrelia is shown in its historical borders – to the Azov Sea. The map is kept in the archive of Vatican (Cod. Pal. Lat. 1886). It is published in the book: B. Gogia. Abkhazia..., p. 31.



N7. A fragment of the map, being compiled by the Portuguese Royal cartograph Diego Homem in 1559. Near Present Gelenjik (Russian Federation), which is not far from the Azov sea hoists the flag with the image of the red color cross; Under the flag there is an inscription Mengrelia, i. e. Megrelia. On the map made by Diego Homem Abkhazia is not shown as an independent unit and is meant within Megrelia. It is published in the books: J. Gamakharia, B. Gogia. Abkhazia - the Historical Region of Georgia, p. 831-832; B. Gogia. Abkhazia... p33.



N8. Fragment of the map of "Atlantis and Mediteranian", being compiled by Jacomo Madjalo in 1553. At the foothill of the Caucasian Mountains , approximately in the region of Khosta (Russia) is designated Megrelia, to the north from Khosta in the mountains - Abkhazia. It is published in the books: J. Gamakharia, B. Gogia. Abkahzia- Historical Region of Georgia, p. 833; B. Gogia. Abkhazia... p. 37.



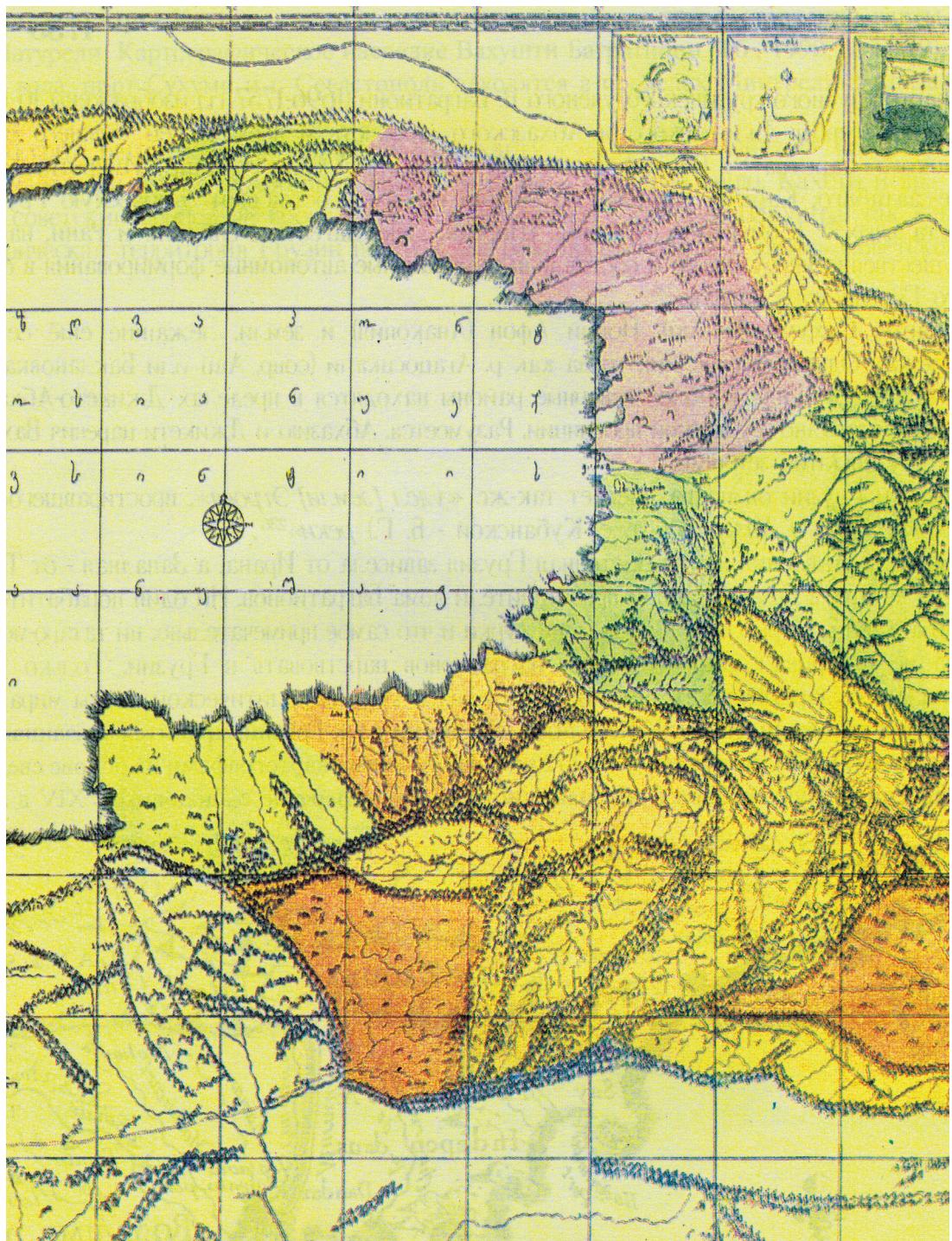
N9. A fragment of the map, being compiled by the French Royal cartograph G. Sanson in 1674. According to the map Georgia, the North-West border of which is fixed near the Azov Sea, includes the following regions: Abkhazia (Abassa), Odishi//Megrelia, Guria (Goriel), Imereti, Samtskhe-Javakheti or Sabaratashvilo (Baratralu), Kartli (Carduel), Kakheti; Within the territory of Georgia are designated the vassal Countries as well: Shirvan, Armenia, Rani and Karabakh. They are published in the book: J. Gamakharia, B. Gogia. Abkhazia – Historical Region of Georgia, p. 843-844; B. Gogia. Abkhazia... p. 58.



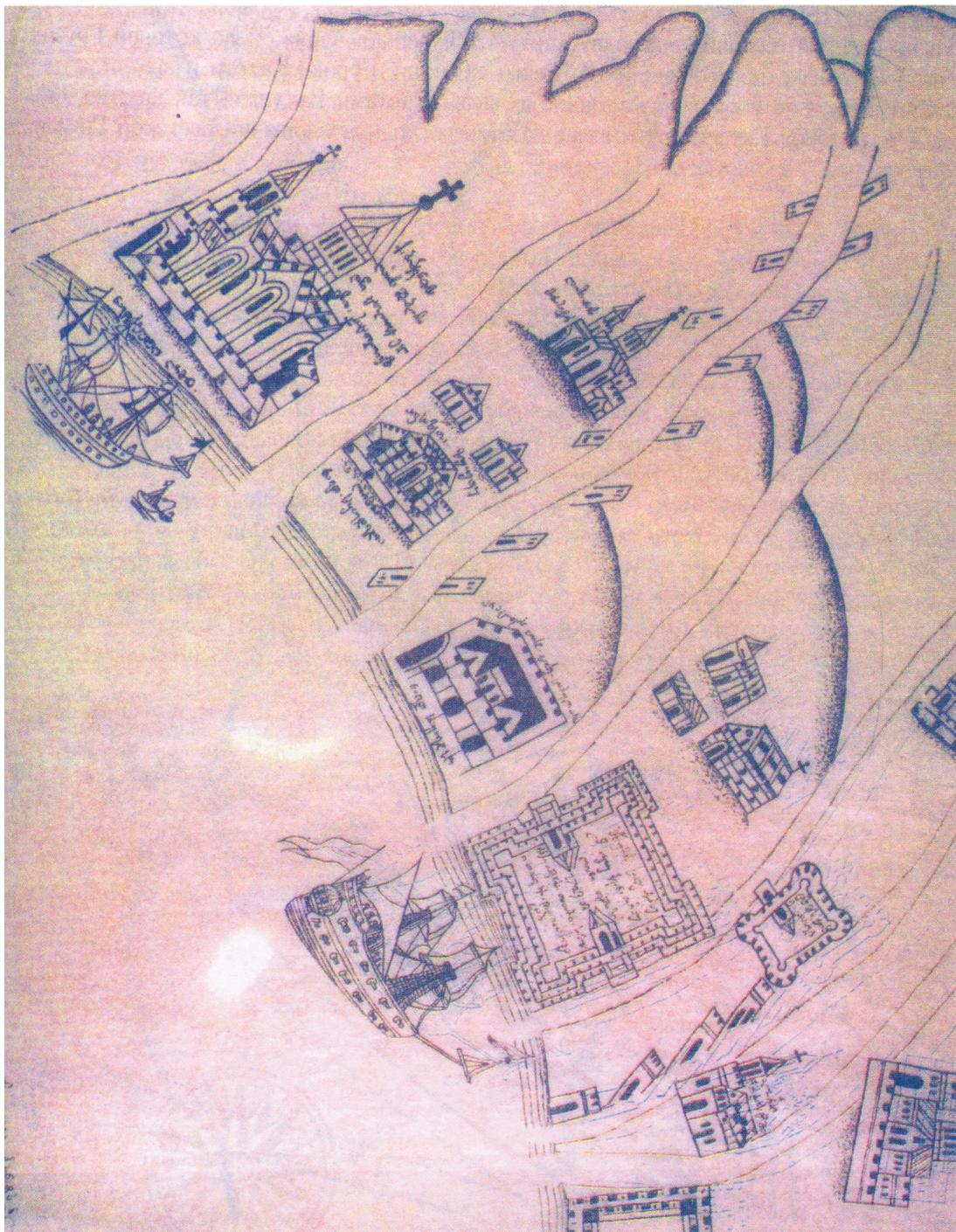
N10. A fragment of the globe hand-made by M. V. Koronelli in 1693. According to the globe, Abkhazia (occupies the territory to the north –west from the rivers Marmaristskari and Kodori), Megrelia, Imeretia, Guria, Javakheti, Kartli and Kakheti are the Georgian provinces (Abkhazia is located within Georgia on the globe made by Koronelli in 1688). It is published in the book: B. Gogia. Abkahzia..., p. 60-61.



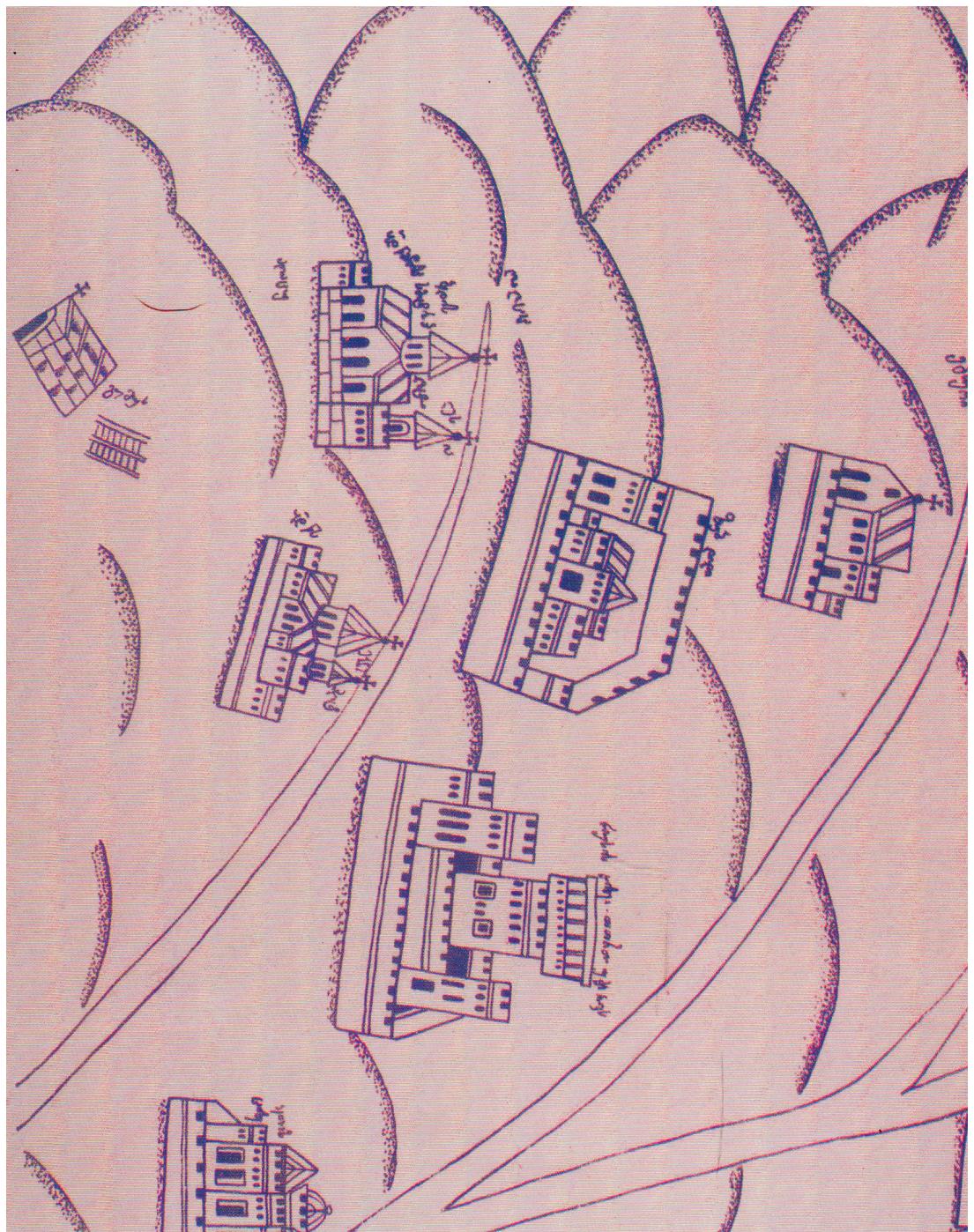
N11. A fragment of the "New Map of the Russian Empire" of the period of Peter I, is compiled between 1721-1725 in the Netherlands and West Frisia by Ioan Kovens and Kornelius Mortier with the support of Everardo Isbrandt Ides. According to the map, Russia directly borders with Georgia, the North-West border of which reaches the Azov sea. It includes the regions: Abkhazia, (Abascia) Megrelia (Mingrelia), Guria (Guriel), Imereti, Samtskhe-Javakheti (Samaea) and Kakheti (Caguetia). It is published in the books: J. Gamakharia, B. Gogia. Abkhazia-Historical Region of Georgia, p. 847; B. Gogia. Abkhazia... p. 64-65.



N 12. A fragment of the map of the Georgian scientist Prince Vakhushti Bagrationi (1696-1757), being compiled in 1735. According to the map the province of Georgia Jiket-Abkhazia occupies the territory more to North-West from Anakopia (Present Akhali Afoni).



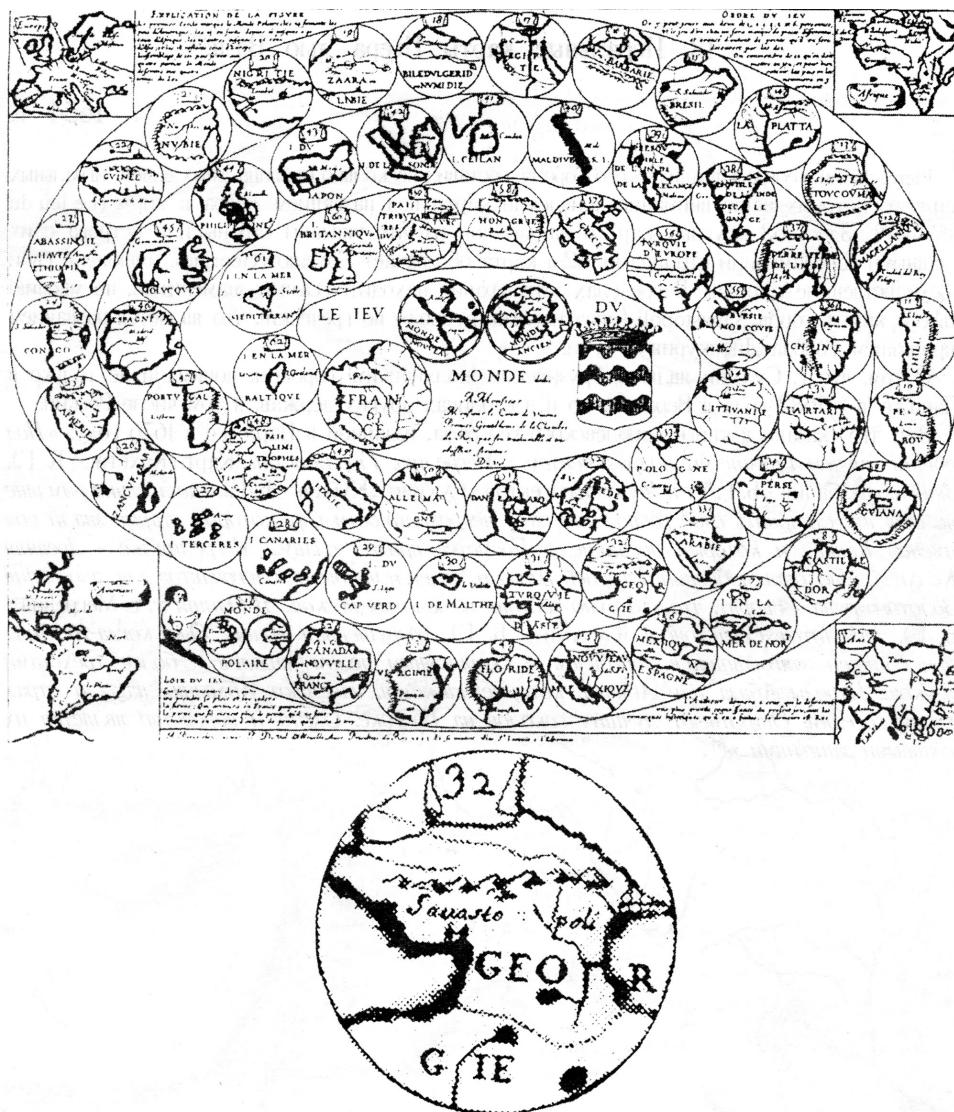
N 13. Fragments of the map of Imereti kingdom - the possession of King of Imereti Alexander V (1721- 1753). It is compiled in Georgian in 1737 and sent to Petersbourg . The ambassador of Alexander V - the metropolitan of Kutaisi – Timothy (Gabashvili) handed the map to Emperess of Russia Anna Ioanovna (1730-1740). The original is kept in the Moscow central Military-Historical archive, photocopy is kept in K. Kekelidze National center for Scripts (Tbilisi). According to the map Imereti kingdom embraced the present territory of



Abkhazia as well. On the map are designated : Bedia, Ilori, Tskhumi, separately the fortress of Tskhumi (Sukhumi, Aku) being restored by the Turks and one more Turkish fortress - the port of Anakopia (Akhali Afoni); to the North-West of Anakopia is designated Abkhazia, Likhni (cathedral and port) and Pitsunda (cathedral- chair of the Abkhazian, i. e. West Georgian Cathalicoses and port). It is published in the book: B. Gogia. Abkhazia... , p. 70-72.

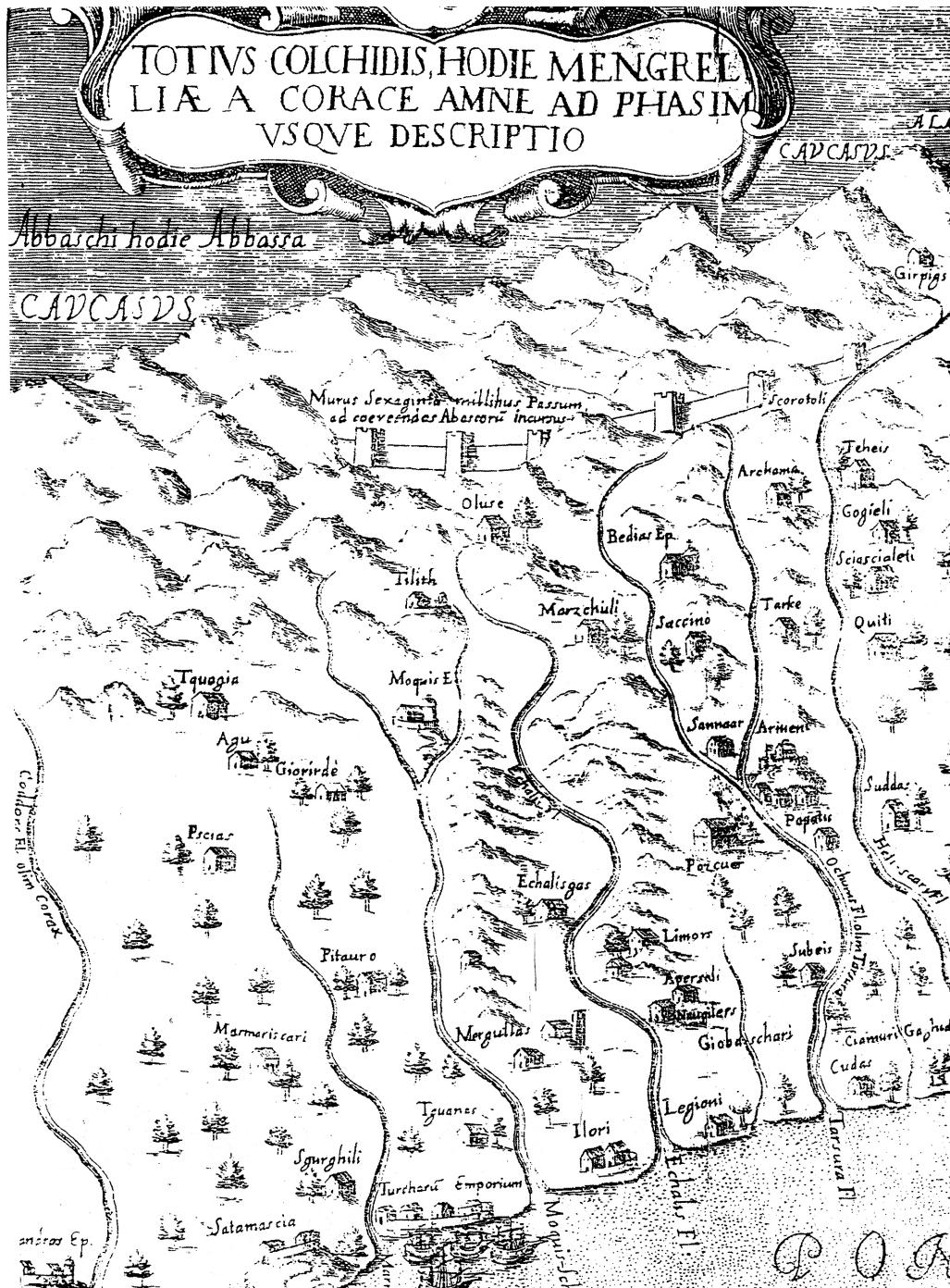


N14. A fragment of the map being compiled Jakopo Gastaldi (1561). In the North Caucasus and namely in the middle flow of the river Kuban is fixed Abcvas Regi with the main populated place - Aqua. It is absolutely obvious, that the modern Abkhazians (Absua, Apsua) in that time lived in the North Caucasus. According to the same map, Megrelia embraces the whole territory of Present Abkhazia. After settling of North Megrelia with the Apsuas town Tskhumi //Sukhumi (17th century) was called by the new-settlers - Aqua - the word being taken from the North Caucasus - Abcuas Regi, being marked on that map. In Georgia was first published in 1997 (T. Gvantseladze. Unknown Italian map and its function for the localisation of the historical mother-land of Abkhazia. -Svobodnaia Gruzia, 1997, 23 June).



N15. The playing cards “Playing the World”, is compiled by the French Royal cartographer Pierre du Val in 1614. They consist of 63 round cards; each of them depicts a country with its capital and main cities. On the 32 card is designated Georgia reaching to the North-West the Azov Sea. According to the opinion of the author of the card, the most significant and famous Georgian town is Sauastopoli (Sukhumi).

In the book being published in Paris in 1676, Pierre du Val writes: Under the common name of Georgia we mean: Megrelia, Giurjistan (i. e. Kart-Kakheti -author), Albania and Cherkessia. . . In Odishi (Megrelia – author) is located having been ruined by the water Seabstopolis (Sukhumi-author)... The people of Abasa or Abkasa, as if being the residents of Abkhazia scare their neighbours” (La Geographie Universelle Contenant les Descriptions, Les Cartes et les Blason, des principaux Pais du monde par P. . Du Val D’Abbeville, Geographe Ordinaire du Roy. A Paris, MDCL XXVI, p. 212). It is published in the book: B. Gogia. Abkhazia..., p. 41-42.



N 16. A fragment of the map, being made by Italian missionary Archangelo Lamberti, being in Megrelia in 1633-1649. This map was for the first time published by the author in 1654. According to the map the North-West border of Megrelia is the river Kodori and Kelasuri wall, which is marked on the map with the inscription : "The wall in length of 60 000 steps (being built), for preventing the invasion of the Abkhazians". On the map are designated 50 Georgian (and not a single Apsua) toponymes. The map was repeatedly published.



N 17. On the map made by Henselius (1710) "Multy Language Asia..." (Asia poliglotta...) almost the whole Caucasus including Abkhazia is marked with the name of Yberi-Georgica. Throughout this territory the Georgian written and colloquial language is spread, as well as Georgian church service, the proof of which are the words of the prayer being written on the map: "Our Father, thou art in Heaven! Hollowed be Thy Name". It is published in the book: J. Gamakharia. B. Gogia. Abkhazia – Historical Region of Georgia, p. 846.

Georgicarum provinciarum, urbium & villarum
 nomina plerisque Georgico-^{Georgian} &
 Latinis characteribus expressa. 13
 a Georgio Seferario gen. Dato & C. Jobi prouintiatione ex
 Georgio Jacobo Kerri & omni labore calamo exponita. &
 hinc hucus exarata.

Zugjori *Jiketi* *Dschiketi*

Sogvabgori *Apchazeti*

godzgali fijerpi. *Kapoeti* *moinare* *tzqala*

tsqaznibgo. *Tschiuntta* *Bitschiunta*

Biujgori *Zuppi* *ts'ippi*

Mzravdo *odishi* *Odishi*

shvzogres: *Anakopia*

shvzogres: *Abkhazia*

shvzogres:

shvzogres: *Tz chomi*

shvzogres: *Dranda*

shvzogres: *Kodori*

shvzogres: *Mochoi* *Megroi* *Megreli*

shvzogres: *Bedia*

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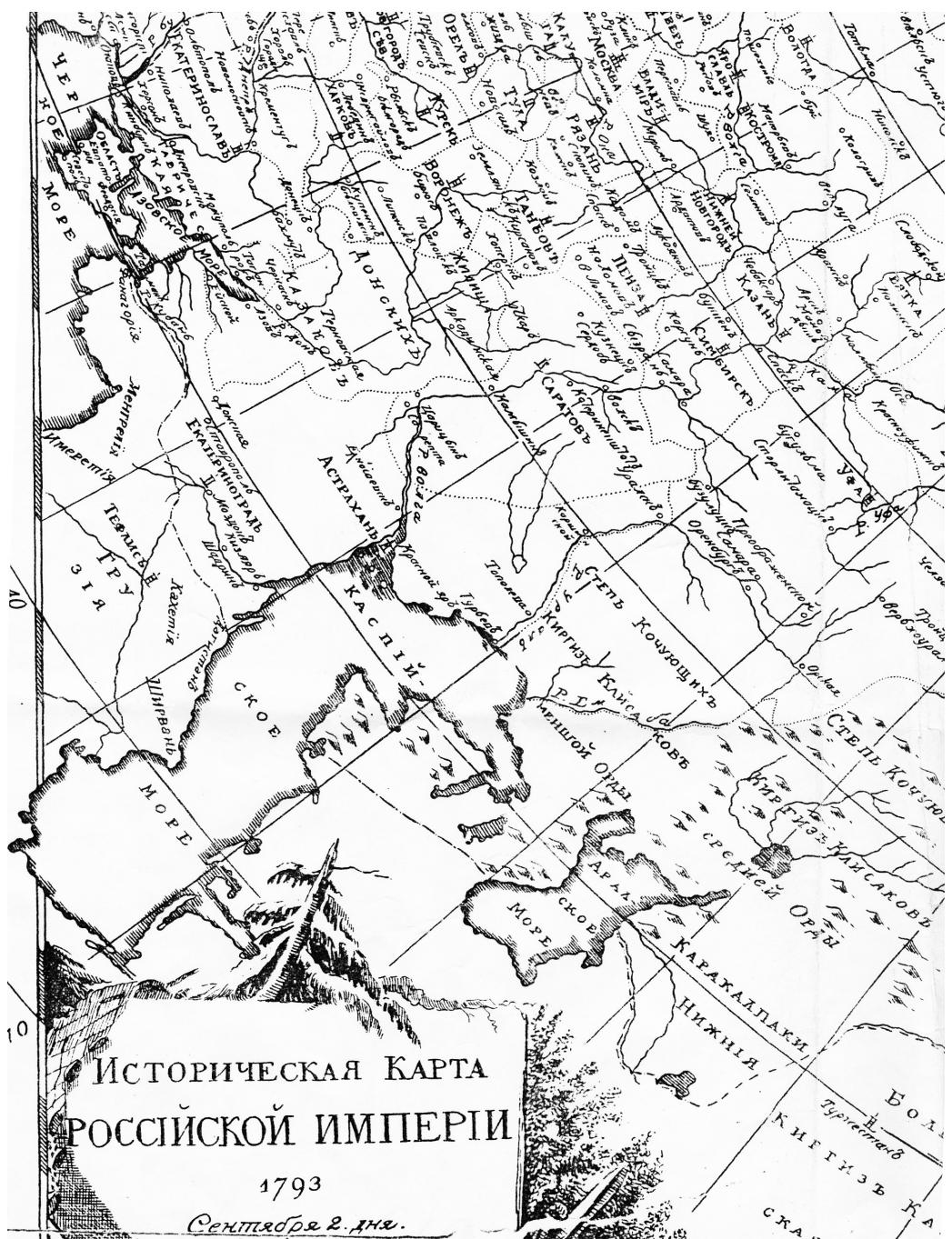
shvzogres: *Sapatzio*

shvzogres: *Chora*

shvzogres: *Bzidde*

shvzogres: *Tschajsi*

N18. "Names of the Georgian provinces, villages and towns in majority of cases with the Georgian and Latin characteristic transcriptions", is compiled by German Orientalist, professor of the college, of the ministry of Foreign Affairs of Russia G. Ker (1692-1740). According to the document – Jiketi and also Abkhazia being located between the river Bzip (Kapoeti) and Anakopia (Akhali Afoni) are the Georgian provinces. Anakopia itself (Akhali Afoni) and the territories being located South (approximately two thirds of the territory of Modern Abkhazia) to it juridically were within the Georgian province – Odishi (Megrelia). It is published in the book: J. Gamakharia, B. Gogia. Abkahzia - Historical Region of Georgia, p. 848.



N19. A fragment of the “Historical Map of the Russian Empire” (1793). On the map, the North-West border of Georgia according to the historical tradition is fixed at the Azov sea. On the map - the provinces of Georgia – Kakheti, Imereti, Mengrelia are deisgnated. Abkhazia is not deisgnated on the map and according to the Russian historical traditions is meant within the territory of Megrelia. The map is published in the book: ” Ya. Yatsunski . Historical Geography. The history of its Emergence and Development in the XIV-XVIIIth centuries. M., 1955; B. Gogia. Abkhazia... p. 73.

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