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1215. Lithuania. A prose chronicle in Church Slavonic, probably composed and written in the Grand Duchy of Lithuania by an Orthodox writer with a negative attitude towards Catholicism. The chronicle, originally entitled Letopisec russkich carej [Летописец русских царей (Chronicle of the Russian Tsars)], was named Chronicle of Perejaslav’-Suzdal’ by its first editor, M. Obolenskij (1851), because of the contents of its second part.

The first part (28 folios) includes the text of the → Povest’ vremennych let, with extra details on the 11th-century peasants’ (smerdy [смерды]) revolts near Suzdal’, followed by the events of 1137 and 1143. The second part (32 folios), dealing especially with the events in Northeast Rus’ during 1138–1214, offers material corresponding (until 1206) to that of the → Radziwiłł Chronicle, but more centred around Jaroslav Vsevolodovič, Prince of Perejaslav’. The only surviving manuscript containing the whole chronicle belonged to Catherine the Great: Moscow, Российский государственный Архив Древних Актов, Ф. 181, № 279/658 (15th century).

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