

**Eastern Armenia  
in the  
Last Decades of Persian Rule  
1807–1828**

**A POLITICAL AND SOCIOECONOMIC STUDY  
OF THE KHANATE OF EREVAN ON THE  
EVE OF THE RUSSIAN CONQUEST**

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A number of Armenian historians quoting post-1830 figures estimate that during Persian rule Armenians constituted between 30 to 50 percent of the total population.<sup>94</sup> However, the Armenian element seems to have formed less than 20 percent of the total population (20,000) of the khanate of Erevan,<sup>95</sup> with the Muslims exceeding 80 percent.<sup>96</sup> In any case, at no time in the Persian period was the Armenian population a majority or on par with the Muslims. Although the survey indicated an Armenian majority in some mahals, this was only after the emigration of over 25,000 Muslims from the territory; thus there is no evidence of an Armenian majority during the Persian administration.