

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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By 1832, however, with the departure of thousands of Muslims and the arrival of some 45,000 Armenians to the khanate,<sup>98</sup> the Christian population had risen considerably, until it matched that of the Muslims.<sup>99</sup> But it was not until the last quarter of the nineteenth century—after the Russo-Turkish Wars of 1855-1856 and 1877-1878 brought more Armenians in from the Ottoman Empire—that the Armenians established a solid majority in the region. Even then, and up to the beginning of

the twentieth century, the city of Erevan had a Muslim majority

