

Question:

The Father of Modern Russia taxed wearers of these in 1705. Only Orthodox clergy were exempt from paying to keep their what?

Steps:

1. Search "Father of Modern Russia" – Peter the Great
2. Search "Peter the Great Tax 1705" - Beard Tax

Peter the Great wanted to "modernize" Russia. He felt that it was old fashioned to wear beards (which most of the men in Russia did, but most European men did not). Those that paid the beard tax were given a special token (znak) to show that they had paid their tax.

He also ordered the Russians to wear European fashions. The problem with this was that those fashions weren't warm enough for the bitter Russian winters and people were not very happy about it.

During his reign as Tsar, he moved the capital from Moscow to St. Petersburg. He wanted the city to be modern in European standards and designed the city of St. Petersburg after the several modern European cities. It is nicknamed "Venice of the North".

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Peter_the_Great

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