**Stanisław August, by the grace of God, King of Poland, Great Duke of Lithuania, Ruthenia, Prussia, Mazovia, Samogitia, Kiev, Volhynia, Podolia, Poltava, Livonia, Smolensk, Sweden and Chernihov.**

Know, all men, by this, Our Letter-Patent - and each of you severally, but in particular Orthodox Jews, Rabbis and Kahals of the Bracław Voivodeship and all Ukraine, that by such, Our Letter-Patent, issued on the eighteenth day of the month of December one thousand seven hundred and sixty five, We appointed the Orthodox Jew, Mayer Herszkowicz, Rabbi General of Ruthenia and the Bracław Voivodeship, so that he would give up and resign of his free will the Ruthenian Rabbinate; and that the said resignation of Our first Letter-Patent to the Bracław Rabbinate, on the day and year first above written, would not hinder or infringe his exercise of this Bracław and Ukrainian Rabbinate. By this, Our Letter-Patent, the aforesaid Orthodox Jew, Mayer Herszkowicz at this Rabbinate General of Bracław and all Ukraine, and in respect of all who assemble before it, [and] life interests, is given power by well-established customs to hear in his court all matters of [against?] Rabbis and expenses, re-opened if lost on appeal, for the purpose of adjudication. Furthermore, We do command that to this Bracław General and Ukrainian Rabbi confirmed by Decree, all Rabbis and Kahals be subject. All incomes belonging to this Rabbinate, as other Rabbis hitherto did possess, are to be expended at will by the current Rabbi General.

By Our permission, the Orthodox Jew, Meyer Herszkowicz, Rabbi General, may take claim of towns, who at this has all Our protection. We have issued orders to the Offices of Our Commanders to this effect. Granted in Warsaw this 22nd day of the month of January in the year of the Lord MDCCLXXV [1775] and the 11th of Our Reign.

**Stanisław August King of Poland**

Letter-Patent for the Rabbinate General over Rabbis and Kahals in the Bracław Voivodeship and all Ukraine is kept by the Orthodox Jew, Mayer Herszkowicz, who resides in Zeliszczyki [?], issued and affirmed.