

"For 20 Years as Director of the Ministry of State Property, Count P D Kiselev", 1856, bronze commemorative table medal.

59.2 mm wide; weighs 72.6 grams. By A. Lyalin and N. Kozin. Obverse bears a bust of Count Kiselev surrounded by his name: "Count (Graf) Pavel Dimitrievitch Kiselev". Reverse bears an eight line inscription within a wreath, with a legend around the rim that includes his dates of service: 1836-1856. Deep toffee-brown color.

Count Kiselev (1788-1872) was one of the most important Russian statesmen of the 19th century. Nicholas I referred to him as his "Chief of Staff for Peasant Affairs" - even though the Decembrists intended to include him in their government if their coup d'etat had succeeded!

/Mikhail Dyakov, "Medals of the Russian Empire, Part 5, 1855-1881", page 70, fig. 659.1/

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