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This will be better understood by contrasts. "Czar Peter I," says Sir Perry, "has made a new decree which forbids presenting him with a petition until two have been presented to his officers. In cases of justice denied, the third may be presented to him, but on pain of death to the party in the wrong. No one since has addressed a petition to the czar." [1]

[1] *The State of Russia*, p. 173, Paris ed., 1717.