

o tyle uzasadnione, że urzędy obsadziły osoby gotowe na ustępstwa w zamian za jego poparcie.

Sprawa ta ukazuje również bolączki ówczesnego wymiaru sprawiedliwości. Abstrahując od słuszności pozbawienia urzędów, w ciągu co najmniej 5 lat nie udało się wydać żadnego wiążącego wyroku, który uspokoiłby sytuację, pomimo że stan faktyczny sporu był dość jasny. Z drugiej strony zdjęci rajcy wykorzystywali fakt braku rozstrzygnięcia, nie respektując kolejnych decyzji nowego magistratu.

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**CHANGES IN THE COMPOSITION OF LOCAL SELF-GOVERNMENT
OF A SMALL POMERANIAN TOWN IN THE SECOND HALF
OF XVIII CENTURY. FROM THE HISTORY OF MUNICIPAL REGIME
IN ROYAL PRUSSIA IN XVI-XVIII CENTURY**

The history of local self-government in small towns of former Pomeranian voivodeship, as well as towns in other voivodships of Royal Prussia, has not been the subject of complex scientific research yet. There is still lack of basic research, which would depicture their system of government and history in a wider temporal and territorial perspective. The article presents changes in the local self-government of one of the *Civitates Minores Terrarum Prussiae* – Nowe located by Vistula River. The Author focuses on the events which took place from 1763 to 1768 when some of the prominent councilors and jurors were deprived of their functions, which is well documented in the archives of this city. It is a contribution to the research on the self-government of Nowe and other small Prussian towns that are still waiting which wider scientific description. The article also shows the practical side of self-government in small Prussian towns, which is a *novum* in the research conducted in this field.