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In the 19th century, many Africans in the U.S. saw a move to Russia as a chance for a better life, to escape the brutality of American slavery. "The first American arap at the Russian court was an ex-valet of the U.S. envoy to St. Petersburg, who got his new job in 1810. It seems that news of this fine job spread fast in American ports, and many black adventurers rushed to Russia, usually as sailors on those few ships heading to St. Petersburg," Zimin writes. Job competition was intense, however, and during the reign of Nicholas I (1825–1855) the number of court araps was limited to eight. P