

**The Formulation and Implementation of
the Law regarding the Bans on the
“Provision of the Labor” by the Trade
Industry in the Late Ming and Early Qing
Period: A focus on the Ban in the Jiangnan
District**

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Abstract

The prohibition steles of trade and industry, as the main legal measure of the local government to supervise the trade and industry arose during the late Ming and early Qing dynasties , were mainly concentrated in the Jiangnan region. Among them, the 「exaction-prohibited-steles」 cut the largest proportion. The exaction-prohibited-steles not only reproduced real difficult living environment for businessmen, but also reflected them to seek survival and development and the demanded of the legal protection of the initial attempt. This paper was based on several dozen copies of the existing exaction-prohibited-steles, and tried to analysis the reason, the content and effect of exaction-prohibited-steles, and seek out local officials and businesses how to play a role in creating the market legal process.

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