

**The Motivation for Justice and Public Welfare:
The Influence of Confucianism upon Local
Government Officials' Exercise of Public
Function in Ching Dynasty based on *Wei
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Abstract

Since the establishment of monarchy system in Qin and Han dynasties, the roles of government officials vacillated between public functionary and private servants frequently. The two different functionaries conflicted between each other while sometimes coincided. As evidence, this paper have included many judicial and governmental case records which Zhang Wuwei have transacted in Jiangxi Province, to discuss how the local government officials in Qing dynasty managed to reconciled their two roles. Looking at the records of Zhang Wuwei's case examples, with other materials as reference, the paper suggested that although those officials were quite different in their personal qualities which caused the difference in their agent to the execution of public functioning, Zhang Wuwei's fundamental thinking – to exert himself in seeking judicial justice and promoting the cause of the public good – was originated from the theory of Confucianism education instead of Qing dynasty's bureaucratic system itself.

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