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IN NINETEENTH CENTURY CYPRUS

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List of Abbreviations

BnF (Supp. Turc 1042) Bibliothèque Nationale de Paris (Supplement Turc)

BOA Başbakanlık Osmanlı Arşivi, İstanbul
D.CMH Bab-ı Defteri Cizye Muhasebesi Defteleri

H. Hicrî

MAD Maliyeden Müdevver Defterler

ML.VRD.CMH. Varidat Muhasebesi Defterleri, Cizye Defterleri ML.VRD.TMT. Varidat Muhasebesi Defterleri, Temettuat Defterleri

NFS.d. Nüfus Defteri

Register VI Archives of the Archiepiscopal Diocese of the Orthodox Church of

Cyprus, Nicosia codified under Register VI (1825)

TD Tapu Defter (Tapu ve Kadastro Genel Müdürlüğü, Ankara)

TŞR-KB.d. Taşra Tasnifi Kıbrıs Mutasarrıflıği Defterler

For abbreviations pertaining to the edition of the sources, see p. 58.

Note on Usage

Since the present study is not only intended for specialists on the Ottoman Empire, but also for scholars and more general readers, Cypriots who are interested in the history of their land, we have applied the simplest way of reproducing the places names and personal names given in Ottoman Turkish. The rendering of the names and terms reflects modern Turkish usage including the following features:

C, c j as in John
Ç, ç ch as in church
Ğ aspirate, roughly as in y
J like j as in French jaune
I, 1 as in unaccented syllables in English
Ş, ş sh as in shut

Foreword

The volume presents some representative 19th-century censuses from the *kaza* of Kukla (the town of Kouklia is known as Palaipaphos), an administrative area surrounded by the villages of the *kaza* of Baf (Paphos). The idea of publishing these censuses emerged when research into similar censuses from Paphos in the same century revealed that villages in the kaza of Paphos were included occasionally in the kaza of Kouklia and *vice versa*. Therefore publishing censuses from the kaza of Kouklia was considered imperative as this essentially serves as a supplement for any future publications of corresponding sources from the kaza of Paphos.

This book contains eight censuses from Kouklia dating from 1831 to 1877. It therefore gives a representative image of the kaza from the outset of the Tanzimat, when for the first time in the Ottoman Empire a modernized type of census was attempted, in accordance with the demands of the era, up until the eve of British rule. Mustafa Oğuz presents the Muslim and Christian population in the villages of Kouklia as revealed by the two censuses of 1246 (1831). Ali Efdal Özkül publishes the four ledgers from Kouklia dated 1293 (1876-1877) that he discovered in the National Archives (Kyrenia). Evangelia Balta submits the assets of the inhabitants of Kouklia from the *Temettuat Defteri* of 1833 and monitors the movement of the population in the kaza of Kouklia over the subsequent decade from the *Nüfus Defteri* nos. 3751 and 3752 dating from the years 1843-1844. It was her idea to publish the aforementioned censuses and she was responsible for editing the entire volume. She is the author of the texts and notes that accompany the publication of the eight *defters*.

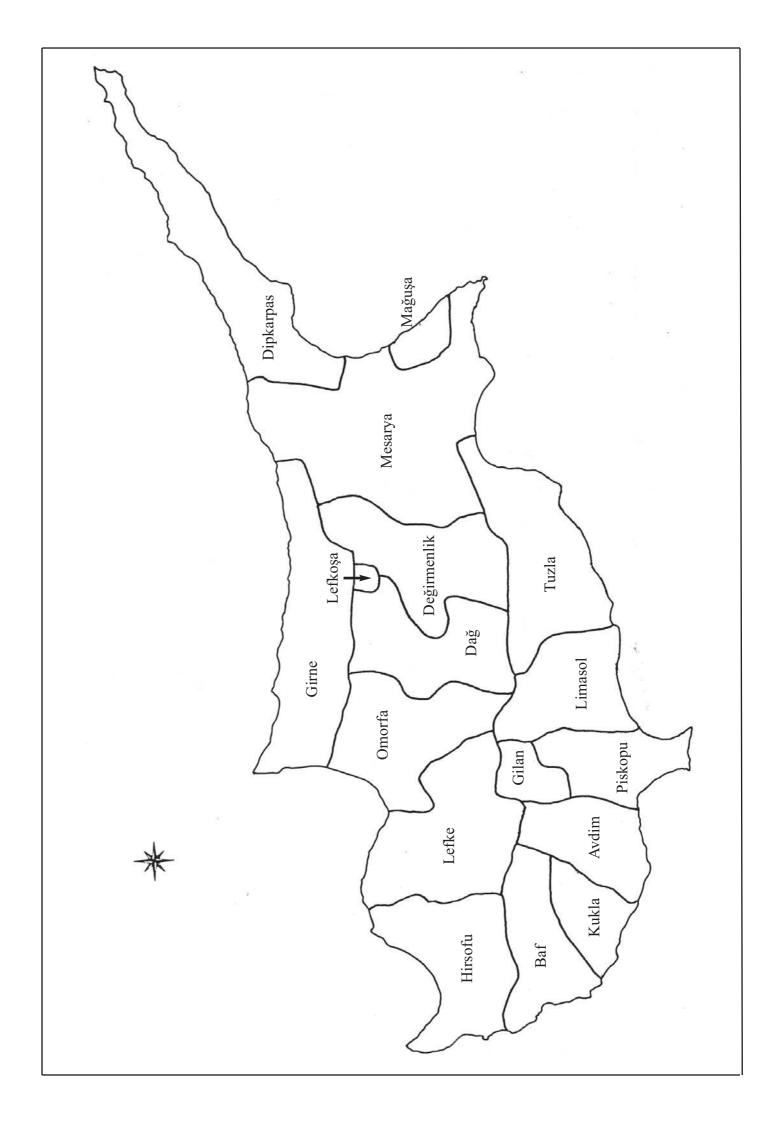
This volume comes to take its place alongside previous studies written by the three authors, which revealed unabridged or processed censuses from the same century concerning the population and the economy of the kaza of Tuzla (Larnaca) and other regions of Cyprus. Its aim was to help the collection and publication of sources concerning the history of Cyprus in the 19th century. These three colleagues from Greece, Cyprus and Turkey coordinated their efforts to achieve this aim and they hope this will set an example to others.

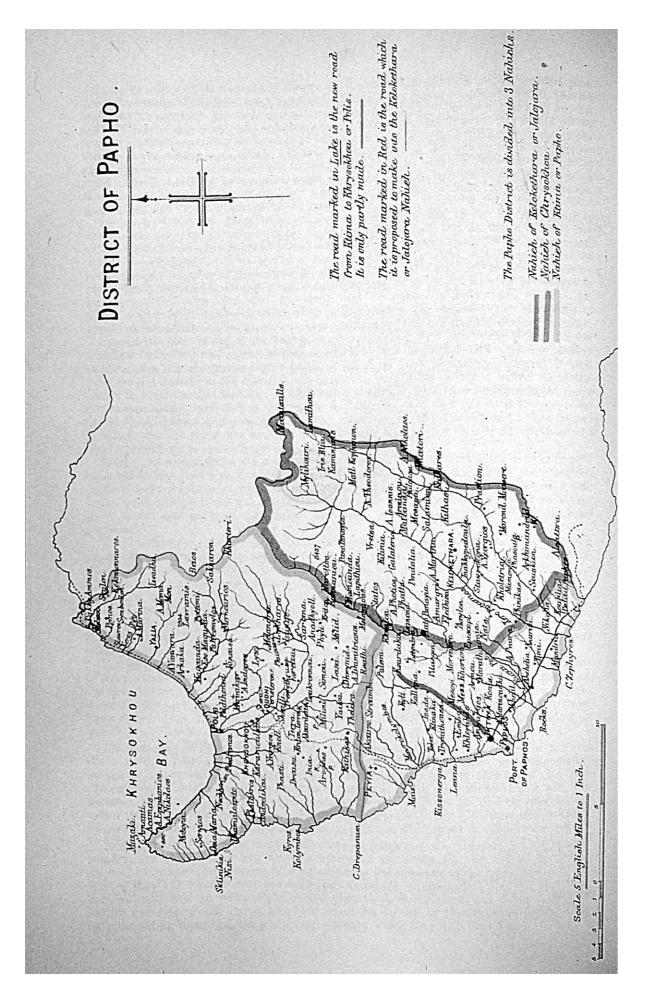
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Gole Suzan, Maps of the Mediterranean Regions Published in British Parlimentary Papers, 1801-1921, The Bank of Cyprus Cultural Foundation, Nicosia 1996.