

19- The Huleh concession was offered to the Sursuks, by the Ottoman Governmen, in lieu of tax arrears they were expected to collect from the peasants in the Huleh. Until 1918, the Sursuks were considered the legal owners of this plain. They have paid all their tax arrears to the Ottomans.

In 1918, when the British military took rule over Palestine, the Sursuks were informed that they could not keep this property. The pretext provided by the Government was that it could not confirm the Sursuks's legal rights over the land. The concession of the Huleh plain, it should be mentioned, was given to one Zionist capitalist in 1921. For more on the Huleh concession, see a "letter by H. Luke, Chief Secretary to the Secretary of States for the Colonies", in C.O 733/203/11, file no. 87144.

20- "A letter from Dr. Rupin to Julius Simon", dated, 21/7/1921, in "Tiodot...", op.cit.

21- "Tiodot....", op.cit., file no. 2723, document 8/5

22- See, CO 733/185/12, file no. 700/30.

23- Ibid.,

24- "A letter from Bentwish to Julius Simon", 21/7/1921, "Tiodot...", op.cit.,

25- A "Report by Mr. Farah, the General Secretary of Arab Workers Association, to the Shaw Commission", in CO 733/177/4 , file no. 8744.

26- Ibid.,

27- "Simpson's Report", op.cit., p.51

28- Ibid.,

29- See " A Report by Mr. Farah..", op.cit.,