

to Yanya and, finally, in 1862 experimental registration was carried out in the city of Beirut.⁹¹

It was after carrying out registration in Bursa and Yanya that the 1860 *Tahrir-i Emlāk ve Nüfus nizamnamesi* was issued.⁹² In 1866, further regulations would be issued, extending the *Tahrir-i Emlāk ve Nüfus* regulations to the countryside. Property commissions were now to be established and carry out registrations, assessments, and imposition of the *vergi-yi cedid* (the new tax) in every *sancak* and *qāḍa*.⁹³

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According to Ottoman provincial yearbooks (*salnames*), tapu clerks had not been appointed to Hebron or any of Palestine's district capitals (*qāḍas*) as of the late 1860s, when Syrian provincial *salnames* began to appear.⁹⁴ The 1869 (1286 H) *salname* for the province of Syria names just five officials in the administration in the district of *Khalīl*: the *qaimaqam* Nu'man Ağa, the sharia court judge (*nā'ib*) Muhammad Asa'd Effendi, the mufti Khalīl Effendi, the

⁹¹ Ibid., 16-21.

⁹² Stanford Shaw (1975) dates the empire-wide promulgation of a 0.004 percent vergi tax to a law issued in January 1861 (15 Receb 1277) and instructions about it to earlier that month (18 Cemazi II 1277), citing BOA, Irade, Meclis-i Mahsus 910. (Shaw, 427). Clearly, however, the 1860 law precedes it.

⁹³ Kaya and Terzibaşoğlu, 23.

⁹⁴ The 1869 (1286 H) *salname* was the second yearbook for the province of Syria. The first was published in 1868. Although the empire (*devlet*) began to publish *salnames* at the imperial level in 1847, the first *salname* at the provincial level would not appear until 1283 H (1866). In this year just one provincial *salname* was compiled; it was for Bosna (Bosnia). The following year provincial *salnames* were issued only for Bosna and Haleb (Aleppo). In 1868, five provincial *salnames* were published. These were for Bosna, Haleb, Konya, Tuna (Danube), and Suriye (Syria). Hasan Duman, *Ottoman Yearbooks (Salname and Nevsal): A Bibliograph and a Union Catalogue with Reference to Istanbul Libraries* (Istanbul: IRCICA, 1982). (Turkish).