



Roznamga (daily book) Divan Records

Roznamgy Effendi (the official in charge of the rozanma) was responsible for managing the financial affairs, especially with regards to agricultural lands and their *Kharag* (land-use taxes), distributing villages' *iltizam* (tax farming) on *multazimin* (land lords entitled to collect taxes), and all kinds of *moqata'til iltizam* (iltizam provinces). He also financially supervised *rizq* (sustenance), *Waqfs* (inalienable endowments), the interests of the two Holy Mosques, citadels, *ugaqat* (military divisions), *ad-darb khanah* (currency minting office), as well as the collection of *Al-fard*, *Al-jiziya* (non Muslim/minority tax), revenues, and *hulwanat* (gratuities) etc... In addition, *Roznamgy effendi* was responsible for financing agricultural projects and the total expenditure of the Egyptian *Wilaya* (government) including salaries, clothing, food, etc.. During the nineteenth century, the authorities of the *Roznama Divan* were expanded as it played a similar role to the Ministry of Finance, in addition to being responsible for *At-tawari'* and cadastral survey. The *Roznama Divan* was also mandated with paying salaries and pensions for civil servants and soldiers, as well as paying grants and pensions for needy people and widows.

The National Archives of Egypt has a huge collection of records and documents emanating from the work of this *Divan* since the Mameluke and Ottoma era till the end of the nineteenth century. The oldest record in the NAE dates back to 818 H, while the newest record dates back to 1311 H. The National Archives of Egypt has more than 1000 records pertinent to "*frokht mukata'at*, the covering of Ka'ba, and *qalam Irad ghilal* (crops revenue department)" and about 800 records of "wages' deductions and raises" related to the expenditure and revenues of the Egyptian government. The NAE has also a substantial number of "Multazimin records", in addition to registers of *rizq* (sustenance), *Waqfs* (inalienable endowments), Sultani lands and bridges, *Al-giraya wal-'aliq* (food rations), the Two Holy Mosques, salaries and pensionsetc.