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THE ANALYSIS OF COMMERCE IN ISTANBUL IN THE EIGHTEENTH-CENTURY ACCORDING TO ISTANBUL AHKÂM REGISTERS (1750-1763)

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Abstract

This study, which aims to evaluate the commerce of Istanbul in the 18th century, is based on the classification of *Istanbul Ahkâm Registers* in the period of 1750-1763. In order to classify the provisions of *Ahkâm Registers*; (a) registry (book) numbers, (b) application areas, (c) conflict issues, (d) the social position of the litigants, (e) the religion of the litigants, and (f) application years were chosen as the basic analysis variables. Each judgement, which were based on this systematic, were examined in themselves.

221 provisions of the commerce were determined in *Istanbul Ahkâm Registers* in the period of May 1750-December 1763. The analysis of this Ahkâm Books (between 3-6 books), the maximum provisions were found with 3rd part (28.1%) of them. The most problems of the commerce of Istanbul were "commerce, price, assignation, transport and storage of merchandise" (44.3%) and "maritime trade, shipping, marine accident and shipwrecked merchandise" (35.3%). Moreover, the most commercial problems occurred in Haslar (40.3%) region. Also, the most commercial problem in Surici and Uskudar was "provide and transport of product, firewood and coal" (respectively 12 and 35 cases); in Galata and Haslar was "rescue, protection and returning to the owner of the merchandise of the wrecked ship" (respectively 8 and 35 cases)

The commercial problems of Istanbul in the 18th century occurred between the reaya (76%). Both the applicants and the complainees were intensity composed by the Muslims reaya which were dwelling in centrum. It was determined that 22.6% of this commercial problems occured in the period of 1760-1761.

Keywords: 18th Century, The Ottoman Commercial System, The Commerce of Istanbul, Istanbul Ahkâm Registers

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Öz

18.yüzyılda İstanbul'daki ticareti değerlendirme amacındaki bu çalışma, 1750-1763 yılları arasındaki döneme ait İstanbul Ahkâm Defterleri'nin tasnifine yöneliktir. Ahkâm defterlerinde yer alan kayıtlardaki hükümleri tasnif edebilmek için; (a) defter numaraları, (b) başvuru yerleri, (c) ihtilaf konuları, (d) ihtilafin taraflarının sosyal konumları, (e) ihtilafin taraflarının dinleri ve (f) başvuru yılları, temel analiz değişkenleri olarak seçilmiştir. Her bir hüküm, bu sistematiğe göre -öncelikle kendi içlerinde ve daha sonra da genel analize tabi tutularak- incelenmiştir.

İstanbul Ahkâm Defterleri Kayıtları'nda, Mayıs 1750 - Aralık 1763 tarihleri arasındaki dönemde, ticaret ile ilgili olarak 221 tane hüküm tespit edilmiştir. 3-6 arasında yer alan ilgili Ahkâm defterindeki bu hükümlerden, en fazla kaydın 3 numaralı defterde (%28,1) yer aldığı görülmüştür. İstanbul'da yaşanan ticari sorunların, yoğunluklu olarak "ticari emtianın alımı, satımı, fiyatı, tahsisi, nakli ve depolanması" (%44,3) ve "deniz ticareti, gemicilik, deniz kazaları ve kazaya uğrayan ticari emtia" (%35,3) konularıyla ilgili oldukları belirlenmiştir. Bununla birlikte en fazla ticari sorun, Haslar (%40,3) bölgesinde yaşanmıştır. Yine, Suriçi ile Üsküdar kazalarında sıklıkla "zahire, odun, kömür vs. temini ve nakli" (sırasıyla 12 ve 35 karar); Galata ile Haslar kazalarında yoğunlukla "kazaya uğrayan ticaret gemisindeki emtianın kurtarılması, korunması ve sahibine iadesi" (sırasıyla 8 ve 35 karar) konularına ilişkin sorunlar yaşanmıştır.

18.yüzyılda İstanbul'daki ticari sorunların, çoğunlukla yönetilenler (reaya) arasında yaşandığı (%76) belirlenmiştir. Hem müracaat eden ve hem de şikayet edilen taraflar, çoğunlukla şehir merkezinde yaşayan Müslüman yönetilen reayadan müteşekkildir. İncelenen dönemdeki sorunların %22,6'sının, 1760-1761 yılları arasındaki dönemde yaşandığı tespit edilmiştir.

Anahtar Kelimeler: 18.yüzyıl, Osmanlı Ticaret Sistemi, İstanbul'daki Ticaret, İstanbul Ahkâm Defterleri

INTRODUCTION

In this archival research that we strive to depict the commerce in Istanbul in the second half of the 18th century, our basic research field is *Istanbul Ahkâm* (Judgements, Orders) *Registers*.

The Ottoman State has created a unique social structure with its religious, administrative and economic characteristics. In there, the solution place of social conflicts is the central administration. The problems, upon the application of the complainant, are examined by the central decision-making body called *Divan-i Humayun* (Council of Ottoman State). The relevant township is notified in writing about the disputes settled by Sultan or the council established having the force of "*Sultan's commandment*". The judgements are binding. However each decision made is compiled -systematically according to cities- and is archived recording to the books called "*Ahkâm Registers*". For these reasons, *Ahkâm Registers* can be considered as the main arguments showing the overall socio-economic characteristics of the period to which they relate.

Considering that they can describe the commerce in Istanbul in the 18th century, *Istanbul Ahkâm Registers* of the period have been classified in this study.

To analyze commercial problems experienced in Istanbul between the 1750 and 1763, *Istanbul Ahkâm Registers* transcribed by the team created in the editorship of KAL'A¹ were examined and 221 decisions considered to be related to commerce were determined. In order to classify these judgements in the book records, fundamental analysis variables were chosen as; (a) registry (book) numbers, (b) application areas, (c) conflict issues, (d) the social positions of the parties to the dispute(litigants), (e) the religion of the parties to the dispute and (f) the application years. Each judgement is examined (primarily in itself and then subjecting to general analysis) based on this systematic. Classifications were recorded in an Excel and all the data was made available for evaluation in tables.

While keeping the records of *Istanbul Ahkâm Registers*, the registers (books) are numbered. This numbering forms a systematic for archival records of the judgements. In this framework, our first classification variable is register numbers. Problems related to commerce in Istanbul within the scope of the classification, were seen to take place in the registers between 3-6 numbers.

The center of religious, administrative, political and economic systems in the Ottoman State is Istanbul. Until the end of 19th century, Istanbul (Dersaadet) city is divided into regions as; (a) the *Surici* (Istanbul city center) and (b) *Bilad-1 Selase* (Three Towns: *Galata, Uskudar* and *Haslar*) in terms of administrative and judicial structures. In *Ahkâm Registers*, the places where judgements are held (in other words, the application places), is described as subdistrict (township, nahiyah). From this point, firstly, sub-districts within the hinterland of these four townships composing Istanbul in that period, have been identified. In accordance with this assessment, book judgements are subjected to

¹ Ahmet TABAKOĞLU, Ahmet KAL'A, Salih AYNURAL, İsmail KARA and Eyüp Sabri KAL'A, **İstanbul Ahkâm Defterleri İstanbul Ticaret Tarihi 1**, Corpus of Istanbul III, Istanbul Research Center, Istanbul Metropolitan Municipality Publications, İstanbul, 1997, pp. 54-216.

place classification as *Surici*, *Galata* (Beyoglu), *Uskudar* and *Haslar* (Eyüp, Outside the city walls) regions and their sub-districts.

Explanations about judgements given also take place in the records of Ahkâm Registers. From this data, one can reach to a general agreement about the reasons problem arising from. In the scope of the study, firstly, we tried to determine what the problems might be encountered in commerce. Taking into consideration the socio-economic structure of the period, the subjects of commercial conflicts in Istanbul are classified as follows; (i) commerce, price, assignation, transport and storage of merchandise ["commerce", "distribution, division and assignation", "controlled price (narh)", "provide and transport of product, firewood and coal" and "slave trade"], (ii) tariff and tax ("tariff" and "tax"), (iii) maritime trade, shipping, marine accident and shipwrecked merchandise ("rescue, protection and returning to the owner of the merchandise of the wrecked ship", "closing with the land and anchorage statute" and "shipbuilding"), (iv) trading debt and credit ("debit and credit disputes between trader and partners", "debit and credit disputes between traders", "debit and credit disputes between ship owner and traders" and "debit and credit disputes between trader and third-party"), (v) security of the artery of commerce and accommodation ("inn and repair-maintenance of the inn" and "pilferage, distrain, bogus-sale of merchandise and the murder of trader") and (vi) other disputes. In this context, in order to determine the commercial problems experienced in Istanbul, each judgement was shaped according to the division of subjects of conflicts that we have created.

Judgements given for the solution of commercial problems in Istanbul townships, as you know, is intended to solve the problems between the two parties. Within the study, these two parties, according to their social position, are called as (1) applier/complainant party (in other words, the one having problem with the judgement given, the plaintiff), "*applicant*" and (2) the party caused the application (in other words the one caused the problem in the judgement given, the defendant), "*complainee*" and according to this distinction, the classification of judgements on the basis of parties was made.

As is known, in the classical period of Ottoman administrative classification, social positioning is divided as follows in general framework; (a) *"askeri* (governor)" (class who have a say in the management of state, military) and (b) *"reaya* (governed)" (people who live as resident within the borders of state, rayah). However, by making a sub-grouping, these *askeri* and *reaya* division, could be divided again according to the place of settlements as (i) *"urbanite"* (living in the city centre) or (ii) *"villager"* (living in the village). For this reason, from the general information given in book of judgements, the

parties' social position, (a) their general division as *askeri* and *reaya* and (b) their place of settlements as *urbanite* and *villager* have been determined.

In Ahkâm records, religious knowledge about the parties of the dispute is also included. Based on the division in the Registers, it was thought that a classification according to religious division must be performed in this study as well. General division based on religion of the parties of the dispute, was made as (a) "*Muslim*" and (b) "*Non-Muslim*". However, *Non-Muslims* also have been divided into the sub-categories –as stated in *Ahkâm Registers*- as (i) "*Dhimmi* (Zimmi)", (ii) "*Jews*" and (iii) "*Nazarene* (Nasrani)".

While the decisions made in relation to the problems in Istanbul are recorded to *Istanbul Ahkâm Registers*, the time of disclosure of judgements -in line with the book archive systematic- is stated by dates. Considering the period of our study is the second half of the 18th century, judgements covering the period between the dates of May 1750 - December 1763 of decisions made in Registers related to commerce in Istanbul, were included in the classification.

To sum up, the time of this study will be identified as the second half of the 18th century, the center of study is Istanbul, the main area of study is commerce, and focus point of the study is *Istanbul Ahkâm Registers*.

I. ANALYSIS OF COMMERCE IN ISTANBUL BY THE 18TH CENTURY ISTANBUL AHKÂM REGISTERS (1750-1763)

To be able to depict the commerce in Istanbul in 18th century, *Ahkâm Registers* of the period were analyzed. In the registers examined, 221 cases were found to be made as regards to commerce in Istanbul in that period. According to the data obtained from these records between the dates of May 1750 - December 1763, the commerce in Istanbul were classified as; (a) book numbers in Ahkâm archival registers, (b) its distribution in Istanbul townships and sub-districts, (c) problems subject to judgement, (d) social position and religion of the parties related to judgements, and (e) years where problems occur.²

² The classification made for each *Ahkâm Register* can be exemplified as: [Başbakanlık Osmanlı Arşivi (BOA, Office of the Prime Minister Ottoman Archives), Bab-ı Asafi Divan-ı Hümayun Sicilleri İstanbul Ahkâm Defteri (A.DVNS.AHK.İS.d.) 4, c. 446, p. 144, January 1757]

F	ISTANBUL AHKÄM REGISTERS		REGISTERS CONFLICT REGION			OSITIONS OF PARTIES	THE M RELIGIO PAI	YEAR	
Book Number	Page Number	Case Number	ISSUES		APPLICANT	COMPLAINEE	APPLICANT	COMPLAINEE	
4	144	446	Debit and Credit Disputes Between Traders	Haslar (Silivri)	Reaya (Urbanite)	Reaya (Urbanite)	Muslim	Muslim	January 1757

A. Classification of Commerce in Istanbul by their Book Numbers in *Istanbul Ahkâm Registers* of 18th Century

Judgements given about the commerce in Istanbul in the period between the years 1750-1763, take place in books numbered between 3-6 of *Ahkâm Registers*.³

 Table 1. Classification of the Commercial Problems in Istanbul in the 18th

 Century by Istanbul Ahkâm Registers

	REC	GISTRY(B	OOK) NUM	BER	TOTAL				
	3	4	5	6					
CASES	62	46	61	52	221				
PERCENTAGE	28.1%	28.1% 20.8% 27.6% 23.5%							

As shown in Table 1, when the distribution of decisions in the registers made regarding Istanbul commerce in that period is examined, it will be seen that most of the decisions takes place in the book numbered 3 $(28.1\%)^4$. Decisions within the scope of our study are take place in all books equally⁵.

³ Identity indication of judgements in footnotes -taking into consideration the condition of placeis made as "BOA book number / case number". General identities of relevant registers take place in references.

⁴ In 3rd book: BOA 3/172, BOA 3/203, BOA 3/248, BOA 3/253, BOA 3/262, BOA 3/278, BOA 3/298, BOA 3/305, BOA 3/306, BOA 3/314, BOA 3/404, BOA 3/456, BOA 3/482, BOA 3/494, BOA 3/504, BOA 3/517, BOA 3/523, BOA 3/580, BOA 3/673, BOA 3/680, BOA 3/685, BOA 3/686, BOA 3/692, BOA 3/705, BOA 3/715, BOA 3/719, BOA 3/729, BOA 3/746, BOA 3/795, BOA 3/800, BOA 3/838, BOA 3/857, BOA 3/81, BOA 3/915, BOA 3/916, BOA 3/932, BOA 3/939, BOA 3/941, BOA 3/976, BOA 3/995, BOA 3/1000, BOA 3/1011, BOA 3/1064, BOA 3/1077, BOA 3/1110, BOA 3/1136, BOA 3/1153, BOA 3/1163, BOA 3/1191, BOA 3/1215, BOA 3/1230, BOA 3/1232, BOA 3/1260, BOA 3/1263, BOA 3/1266, BOA 3/1274, BOA 3/1278, BOA 3/1284, BOA 3/1325, BOA 3/1364 and BOA 3/1381.

⁵ In 4th book: BOA 4/3, BOA 4/5, BOA 4/81, BOA 4/112, BOA 4/133, BOA 4/149, BOA 4/155, BOA 4/162, BOA 4/187, BOA 4/221, BOA 4/286, BOA 4/335, BOA 4/375, BOA 4/399, BOA 4/407, BOA 4/410, BOA 4/412, BOA 4/418, BOA 4/446, BOA 4/468, BOA 4/471, BOA 4/495, BOA 4/496, BOA 4/503, BOA 4/531, BOA 4/559, BOA 4/578, BOA 4/601, BOA 4/607, BOA 4/611, BOA 4/637, BOA 4/649, BOA 4/650, BOA 4/553, BOA 4/662, BOA 4/690, BOA 4/696, BOA 4/704, BOA 4/766, BOA 4/808, BOA 4/816, BOA 4/850, BOA 4/864, BOA 4/879, BOA 4/902 and BOA 4/992. In 5th book: BOA 5/1, BOA 5/11, BOA 5/44, BOA 5/46, BOA 5/47, BOA 5/48, BOA 5/59, BOA 5/79, BOA 5/118, BOA 5/121, BOA 5/126, BOA 5/181, BOA 5/182, BOA 5/253, BOA 5/280, BOA 5/312, BOA 5/430, BOA 5/475, BOA 5/482, BOA 5/493, BOA 5/494, BOA 5/504, BOA 5/510, BOA 5/642, BOA 5/653, BOA 5/671, BOA 5/542, BOA 5/679, BOA 5/689, BOA 5/765, BOA 5/767, BOA 5/774, BOA 5/777, BOA 5/787, BOA 5/802, BOA 5/805, BOA 5/832, BOA 5/838, BOA 5/844, BOA 5/880, BOA 5/885, BOA 5/888, BOA 5/896, BOA 5/926, BOA 5/961, BOA 5/963, BOA 5/969, BOA 5/977, BOA 5/985, BOA

	RE	REGISTRY(BOOK) NUMBER						
YEAR	3	4	5	6	TOTAL			
1750	9	-	-	-	9			
1751	8	-	-	-	8			
1752	10	-	-	-	10			
1753	12	-	-	-	12			
1754	13	-	-	-	13			
1755	10	4	-	-	14			
1756	-	14	-	-	14			
1757	-	20	-	-	20			
1758	-	8	9	-	17			
1759	-	-	18	-	18			
1760	-	-	24	-	24			
1761	-	-	10	16	26			
1762	-	-	-	17	17			
1763	-	-	-	19	19			
TOTAL	62	46	61	52	221			

Table 2. Distribution of Istanbul Ahkâm Registers Related to IstanbulCommerce in 18th Century By Years (1750-1763)

our study period, the years between 1750-1763.

221 cases about Istanbul commerce, can also be elaborated according to

As seen in Table 2, the problems experienced in the commerce of Istanbul in that period, have usually been concentrated in 1761. Towards the middle of the century, the reduction in decisions has been noticed. Indeed, only 12.2% of the total decisions covers the years 1750 and 1752.

^{5/987,} BOA 5/997 and BOA 5/999. In 6th book: BOA 6/15, BOA 6/24, BOA 6/30, BOA 6/58, BOA 6/59, BOA 6/71, BOA 6/135, BOA 6/152, BOA 6/158, BOA 6/165, BOA 6/168, BOA 6/191, BOA 6/207, BOA 6/216, BOA 6/218, BOA 6/220, BOA 6/239, BOA 6/244, BOA 6/250, BOA 6/321, BOA 6/216, BOA 6/405, BOA 6/437, BOA 6/239, BOA 6/444, BOA 6/244, BOA 6/250, BOA 6/321, BOA 6/351, BOA 6/405, BOA 6/437, BOA 6/448, BOA 6/455, BOA 6/490, BOA 6/493, BOA 6/513, BOA 6/534, BOA 6/577, BOA 6/574, BOA 6/582, BOA 6/613, BOA 6/619, BOA 6/662, BOA 6/663, BOA 6/748, BOA 6/752, BOA 6/830, BOA 6/835, BOA 6/843, BOA 6/910, BOA 6/911, BOA 6/914, BOA 6/918, BOA 6/930, BOA 6/965, BOA 6/980, BOA 6/993, BOA 6/1009, BOA 6/1010 and BOA 6/1012.

B. Classification of the Commercial Problems in Istanbul in the 18th Century by Topics

To find out what are the problems experienced in Istanbul commercial life in the period between 1750-1763, each *Ahkâm Register* has been classified by five general topics we have identified as the main commercial problems.

The commercial problems experienced in Istanbul in the 18th century can be held as (a) *commerce*, *price*, *assignation*, *transport and storage of merchandise*, (b) *tariff and tax*, (c) *maritime trade*, *shipping*, *marine accident and shipwrecked merchandise*, (d) *trading debt and credit*, (e) *security of the artery of commerce and accommodation* and (f) *other disputes*.

Table 3. Commercial Problems Encountered in Istanbul in the 18th Century

CONFLICT ISSUES	CASES	PERCENTAGE
A. COMMERCE, PRICE, ASSIGNATION, TRANSPORT AND STORAGE OF MERCHANDISE	98	44.3%
B. TARIFF AND TAX	29	13.1%
C. MARITIME TRADE, SHIPPING, MARINE ACCIDENT AND SHIPWRECKED MERCHANDISE	78	35.3%
D. TRADING DEBT AND CREDIT	24	10.9%
E. SECURITY OF THE ARTERY OF COMMERCE AND ACCOMMODATION	20	9%
F. OTHER DISPUTES	4	1.8%

As a result of classification of book records by these conflict issues and elaborated in table 3; the problems of commerce in Istanbul in that period have been determined to be related to "commerce, price, assignation, transport and storage of merchandise"⁶ and "maritime trade, shipping, marine accident and

⁶ BOA 3/306, BOA 3/404, BOA 3/580, BOA 3/680, BOA 3/685, BOA 3/686, BOA 3/692, BOA 3/795, BOA 3/800, BOA 3/857, BOA 3/941, BOA 3/995, BOA 3/1136, BOA 3/1153, BOA 3/1191, BOA 3/1260, BOA 3/1278, BOA 3/1325, BOA 3/1364, BOA 4/3, BOA 4/5, BOA 4/81, BOA 4/112, BOA 4/149, BOA 4/155, BOA 4/187, BOA 4/471, BOA 4/495, BOA 4/531, BOA 4/578, BOA 4/601, BOA 4/607, BOA 4/611, BOA 4/637, BOA 4/653, BOA 4/662, BOA 4/690, BOA 4/696, BOA 4/666, BOA 4/607, BOA 4/611, BOA 4/637, BOA 4/653, BOA 4/662, BOA 4/690, BOA 4/696, BOA 4/766, BOA 4/808, BOA 4/850, BOA 4/879, BOA 4/902, BOA 5/1, BOA 5/44, BOA 5/79, BOA 5/253, BOA 5/280, BOA 5/312, BOA 5/430, BOA 5/475, BOA 5/504, BOA 5/510, BOA 5/523, BOA 5/280, BOA 5/629, BOA 5/642, BOA 5/671, BOA 5/677, BOA 5/679, BOA 5/689, BOA 5/765, BOA 5/74, BOA 5/802, BOA 5/832, BOA 5/838, BOA 5/844, BOA 5/880, BOA 5/885, BOA 5/926, BOA 5/961, BOA 5/963, BOA 5/969, BOA 5/985, BOA 5/987, BOA 5/997, BOA 5/999, BOA 6/15, BOA 6/24, BOA 6/30, BOA 6/58, BOA 6/71, BOA 6/135, BOA 6/158, BOA 6/165, BOA 6/168, BOA 6/207, BOA 6/351, BOA 6/405, BOA 6/455, BOA 6/490, BOA 6/493, BOA 6/577, BOA 6/835, BOA 6/843, BOA 6/910, BOA 6/930 and BOA 6/1009.

shipwrecked merchandise^{"7} topics generally. while these problems are followed by "tariff and tax"⁸ and "trading debt and credit"⁹ respectively, it has been noticed that the problems as "security of the artery of commerce and accommodation"¹⁰ and "other disputes"¹¹ in Istanbul in that period are relatively few.

These fundamental problems can be elaborated as follows; "commerce"¹², "distribution, division and assignation"¹³, "controlled price(narh)"¹⁴, "provide and transport of product, firewood and coal"¹⁵, "slave

¹⁰ BOA 3/298, BOA 3/305, BOA 3/456, BOA 3/881, BOA 3/932, BOA 4/649, BOA 4/650, BOA 4/662, BOA 4/690, BOA 4/992, BOA 5/47, BOA 5/118, BOA 5/577, BOA 5/777, BOA 5/805, BOA 6/448, BOA 6/582, BOA 6/619, BOA 6/911 and BOA 6/965.

¹¹ BOA 3/1163, BOA 4/221, BOA 5/181 and BOA 5/787.

¹² BOA 3/306, BOA 3/692, BOA 3/795, BOA 3/800, BOA 3/857, BOA 3/1260, BOA 3/1278, BOA 3/1325, BOA 4/5, BOA 4/112, BOA 4/149, BOA 4/155, BOA 4/471, BOA 4/495, BOA 4/531, BOA 4/601, BOA 4/607, BOA 4/611, BOA 4/696, BOA 5/1, BOA 5/79, BOA 5/312, BOA 5/430, BOA 5/523, BOA 5/671, BOA 5/689, BOA 5/765, BOA 5/774, BOA 5/838, BOA 5/926, BOA 5/961, BOA 5/963, BOA 5/969, BOA 5/985, BOA 6/24, BOA 6/30, BOA 6/58, BOA 6/71, BOA 6/158, BOA 6/455, BOA 6/843, BOA 6/910, BOA 6/930 and BOA 6/1009.

¹⁴ BOA 3/857, BOA 3/1260, BOA 3/1278, BOA 3/1325, BOA 4/81, BOA 4/187, BOA 4/471, BOA 4/578, BOA 4/601, BOA 4/607, BOA 5/79, BOA 5/312, BOA 5/504, BOA 5/838, BOA 5/926, BOA 5/961, BOA 6/71, BOA 6/158, BOA 6/351 and BOA 6/1009.

¹⁵ BOA 3/404, BOA 3/580, BOA 3/680, BOA 3/685, BOA 3/686, BOA 3/692, BOA 3/795, BOA 3/800, BOA 3/941, BOA 3/995, BOA 3/1136, BOA 3/1153, BOA 3/1325, BOA 4/3, BOA 4/5, BOA 4/81, BOA 4/112, BOA 4/471, BOA 4/495, BOA 4/531, BOA 4/578, BOA 4/607, BOA

⁷ BOA 3/203, BOA 3/248, BOA 3/253, BOA 3/314, BOA 3/494, BOA 3/504, BOA 3/523, BOA 3/705, BOA 3/715, BOA 3/719, BOA 3/729, BOA 3/915, BOA 3/916, BOA 3/939, BOA 3/941, BOA 3/976, BOA 3/1064, BOA 3/110, BOA 3/1215, BOA 3/1230, BOA 3/1263, BOA 3/1266, BOA 3/1274, BOA 4/133, BOA 4/286, BOA 4/375, BOA 4/399, BOA 4/407, BOA 4/410, BOA 4/412, BOA 4/418, BOA 4/486, BOA 4/375, BOA 4/503, BOA 4/407, BOA 4/410, BOA 4/412, BOA 4/418, BOA 4/468, BOA 4/496, BOA 4/503, BOA 4/559, BOA 4/704, BOA 4/864, BOA 5/11, BOA 5/48, BOA 5/59, BOA 5/182, BOA 5/430, BOA 5/482, BOA 5/493, BOA 5/494, BOA 5/504, BOA 5/519, BOA 5/531, BOA 5/542, BOA 5/587, BOA 5/888, BOA 5/896, BOA 5/922, BOA 5/977, BOA 5/985, BOA 5/999, BOA 6/59, BOA 6/152, BOA 6/216, BOA 6/218, BOA 6/220, BOA 6/239, BOA 6/244, BOA 6/250, BOA 6/321, BOA 6/513, BOA 6/534, BOA 6/613, BOA 6/662, BOA 6/663, BOA 6/748, BOA 6/752, BOA 6/830, BOA 6/914, BOA 6/918, BOA 6/980, BOA 6/993 and BOA 6/1012.

⁸ BOA 3/1236, BOA 3/1260, BOA 3/1278, BOA 3/1325, BOA 4/5, BOA 4/149, BOA 4/155, BOA 4/611, BOA 4/637, BOA 4/653, BOA 4/696, BOA 4/850, BOA 5/1, BOA 5/79, BOA 5/121, BOA 5/126, BOA 5/523, BOA 5/535, BOA 5/653, BOA 5/671, BOA 5/689, BOA 5/787, BOA 6/58, BOA 6/158, BOA 6/207, BOA 6/437, BOA 6/557, BOA 6/830 and BOA 6/1012.

⁹ BOA 3/172, BOA 3/262, BOA 3/278, BOA 3/482, BOA 3/517, BOA 3/673, BOA 3/746, BOA 3/838, BOA 3/1000, BOA 3/1011, BOA 3/1077, BOA 3/1232, BOA 3/1284, BOA 3/1381, BOA 4/162, BOA 4/335, BOA 4/446, BOA 4/816, BOA 5/46, BOA 5/629, BOA 5/767, BOA 6/191, BOA 6/574 and BOA 6/1010.

¹³ BOA 3/1136, BOA 3/1153, BOA 4/5, BOA 4/187, BOA 4/471 BOA 4/495, BOA 4/696, BOA 5/79, BOA 5/430, BOA 5/677, BOA 5/774, BOA 5/802, BOA 5/832, BOA 5/880, BOA 5/885, BOA 5/926, BOA 5/961, BOA 5/963, BOA 5/997, BOA 5/999, BOA 6/158, BOA 6/405 and BOA 6/557.

trade"¹⁶, "tariff"¹⁷, "tax"¹⁸, "rescue, protection and returning to the owner of the merchandise of the wrecked ship"¹⁹, "closing with the land and anchorage statute"²⁰, "shipbuilding"²¹, "debit and credit disputes between trader and partners"²², "debit and credit disputes between traders"²³, "debit and credit disputes between traders"²⁴, "debit and credit disputes between trader and traders"²⁴, "debit and credit disputes between trader is between trader and third-party"²⁵, "inn and repair-maintenance of the inn"²⁶, "pilferage, distrain, bogus-sale of merchandise and the murder of trader"²⁷ and "other disputes".

These commercial problem issues experienced in Istanbul, were analyzed according to Istanbul's main areas in that period (*Surici*, *Galata*, *Uskudar* and *Haslar*) and the distribution of religion of the parties.

^{4/611,} BOA 4/637, BOA 4/653, BOA 4/662, BOA 4/690, BOA 4/696, BOA 4/766, BOA 4/808, BOA 4/850, BOA 4/879, BOA 4/902, BOA 5/1, BOA 5/44, BOA 5/253, BOA 5/280, BOA 5/312, BOA 5/430, BOA 5/475, BOA 5/510, BOA 5/535, BOA 5/629, BOA 5/642, BOA 5/671, BOA 5/677, BOA 5/679, BOA 5/689, BOA 5/765, BOA 5/774, BOA 5/802, BOA 5/832, BOA 5/844, BOA 5/880, BOA 5/885, BOA 5/926, BOA 5/961, BOA 5/963, BOA 5/969, BOA 5/985, BOA 5/987, BOA 5/999, BOA 6/15, BOA 6/24, BOA 6/30, BOA 6/71, BOA 6/135, BOA 6/165, BOA 6/168, BOA 6/207, BOA 6/351, BOA 6/405, BOA 6/455, BOA 6/490, BOA 6/835, BOA 6/930 and BOA 6/1009.

 $^{^{16}}$ BOA 3/1191, BOA 3/1364 and BOA 6/493.

¹⁷ BOA 3/1236, BOA 4/653 and BOA 4/850.

¹⁸ BOA 3/1236, BOA 3/1260, BOA 3/1278, BOA 3/1325, BOA 4/5, BOA 4/149, BOA 4/155, BOA 4/611, BOA 4/637, BOA 4/696, BOA 4/850, BOA 5/1, BOA 5/79, BOA 5/121, BOA 5/126, BOA 5/523, BOA 5/535, BOA 5/653, BOA 5/671, BOA 5/689, BOA 5/787, BOA 6/58, BOA 6/158, BOA 6/207, BOA 6/437, BOA 6/557, BOA 6/830 and BOA 6/1012.

¹⁹ BOA 3/203, BOA 3/248, BOA 3/253, BOA 3/314, BOA 3/494, BOA 3/504, BOA 3/523, BOA 3/705, BOA 3/715, BOA 3/719, BOA 3/729, BOA 3/915, BOA 3/916, BOA 3/939, BOA 3/976, BOA 3/1064, BOA 3/1110, BOA 3/1215, BOA 3/1230, BOA 3/1263, BOA 3/1266, BOA 3/1274, BOA 4/286, BOA 4/375, BOA 4/399, BOA 4/407, BOA 4/410, BOA 4/412, BOA 4/418, BOA 4/468, BOA 4/496, BOA 4/503, BOA 4/559, BOA 4/704, BOA 4/864, BOA 5/11, BOA 5/59, BOA 5/182, BOA 5/493, BOA 5/594, BOA 5/519, BOA 5/513, BOA 5/587, BOA 5/888, BOA 5/896, BOA 5/977, BOA 6/59, BOA 6/152, BOA 6/216, BOA 6/218, BOA 6/220, BOA 6/239, BOA 6/244, BOA 6/250, BOA 6/513, BOA 6/534, BOA 6/613, BOA 6/662, BOA 6/663, BOA 6/748, BOA 6/752, BOA 6/914, BOA 6/918 and BOA 6/993.

 $^{^{20}}$ BOA 4/133, BOA 5/48, BOA 5/430, BOA 5/999, BOA 6/830, BOA 6/980 and BOA 6/1012. 21 BOA 5/922 and BOA 6/321.

 ²² BOA 3/482, BOA 3/746, BOA 3/838, BOA 3/1232, BOA 3/1284, BOA 3/1381 and BOA 4/816.
 ²³ BOA 3/262, BOA 3/278, BOA 3/1000, BOA 3/1077 and BOA 4/446.

²⁴ BOA 3/172, BOA 3/673, BOA 4/335, BOA 5/629 and BOA 6/574.

²⁵ BOA 3/517, BOA 3/1011, BOA 3/1232, BOA 4/162, BOA 5/46, BOA 5/767, BOA 6/191 and BOA 6/1010.

²⁶ BOA 3/298 and BOA 5/577.

²⁷ BOA 3/305, BOA 3/456, BOA 3/881, BOA 3/932, BOA 4/649, BOA 4/650, BOA 4/662, BOA 4/690, BOA 4/992, BOA 5/47, BOA 5/118, BOA 5/777, BOA 5/805, BOA 6/448, BOA 6/582, BOA 6/619, BOA 6/911 and BOA 6/965.

		CONFLICT ISSUES															
	Commerce	Distribution, Division and Assignation	υ	Provide and Transport of Product, Firewood and Coal	Slave Trade	Tariff	Tax	Rescue, Protection And Retuming to the Owner of the Merchandise of the Wrecked Ship	Closing with the Land and Anchorage Statute		Debit and Credit Disputes Between Trader and Partners	Debit and Between	Debit and Credit Disputes Between Ship Owner and Traders		Е	Pilferage, Distrain, Bogus-Sale of Merchandise and the Murder of Trader	Other Disputes
I. REGION	44	23	20	77	3	3	28	65	7	2	7	5	5	8	2	18	4
a.SURICI	4	4	4	12	2	1	10	5	2	-	-	-	1	1	-	-	3
b.GALATA	2	2	1	2	1	1	3	8	2	2	-	2	1	3	-	4	-
c.USKUDAR	16	14	9	35	-	-	6	17	1	-	5	1	2	3	-	8	1
d.HASLAR	22	3	6	28	-	1	9	35	2	-	2	2	1	1	2	6	-
II. RELIGIOUS																	
COMPOSITION																	
a.MUSLIM	35	23	16	68	3	2	23	59	7	2	7	4	4	8	1	16	1
b.NON-MUSLIM	4	1	3	8	-	1	2	5	-	1	-	1	1	-	1	2	3

Table 4. Distribution of Commercial Problems Experienced in Istanbul inthe 18th Century, by Istanbul's Townships and Religion of Parties

When the results of classification shown in Table 4 are evaluated, the commercial issues experienced in Istanbul in 18th century as "provide and transport of product, firewood and coal" (34.8%) mainly arise in the *Haslar* district and among *Muslim* citizens.

Indeed, in the analysis of the problems in Istanbul commerce, carried out according to the Istanbul's townships, it has been seen that; in *Surici* and *Uskudar* townships "provide and transport of product, firewood and coal" (respectly 38.7% and 46.7%) issue; in *Galata* and *Haslar* townships "rescue, protection and returning to the owner of the merchandise of the wrecked ship" (respectly 30.8% and 39.3%) issues are generally the main topics.

However, when religious distribution of these commercial problems is analyzed; while the *Muslim* citizens usually have problems like "provide and transport of product, firewood and coal" (35.1%), "rescue, protection and returning to the owner of the merchandise of the wrecked ship" (30.4%) and "commerce" (18%); it has been observed that *Non-Muslim* citizens also usually have problems related to "provide and transport of product, firewood and coal" (33.3%) and "rescue, protection and returning to the owner of the merchandise of the wrecked ship" (20.8%).

C. Classification of Commercial Problems Encountered in Istanbul in the 18th Century by Townships and Sub-districts

While the decisions made by *Divan-i Humayun* are saved to the *Ahkâm Registers*, the related place of judgements is explained according to the subdistricts. In order to examine the judgements according to the place where the application is made, in the scope of the study; the sub-districts specified in the judgements have been classified by *Surici* and *Bilad-i Selase* townships of that period. In this context, in which hinterland (*Surici* and *Bilad-i Selase*) the subdistricts described in each book record are situated, has been determined and in this way, data related to the place where judgements are made is compiled.²⁸

 Table 5. Places in Istanbul where Commercial Problems Experienced in the 18th Century

		TOTAL			
	SURICI	GALATA	USKUDAR	HASLAR	IUIAL
CASES	31	26	75	89	221
PERCENTAGE	14%	11.8%	33.9%	40.3%	100%

As classified in Table 5, in book records, for *Surici* 31^{29} , for *Galata* 26^{30} , for *Uskudar* 75^{31} and for *Haslar* with the largest land border 89^{32} cases related

²⁸ To be able to make classification related to place, firstly, subdistricts of *Surici*, *Galata*, *Uskudar* and *Haslar* region have been researched. Next, based on the subdistricts stated in judgements, judgements have been classified by region and subdistrict.

²⁹ BOA 3/680, BOA 3/685, BOA 3/686, BOA 3/719, BOA 3/1191, BOA 3/1278, BOA 3/1364, BOA 4/187, BOA 4/221, BOA 4/503, BOA 4/637, BOA 4/850, BOA 4/879, BOA 5/1, BOA 5/79, BOA 5/121, BOA 5/126, BOA 5/181, BOA 5/182, BOA 5/430, BOA 5/504, BOA 5/510, BOA 5/629, BOA 5/642, BOA 5/787, BOA 5/997, BOA 6/191, BOA 6/220, BOA 6/437, BOA 6/830 and BOA 6/835.

³⁰ BOA 3/262, BOA 3/494, BOA 3/673, BOA 3/1000, BOA 3/1011, BOA 3/1236, BOA 4/133, BOA 4/286, BOA 4/696, BOA 4/704, BOA 4/992, BOA 5/48, BOA 5/587, BOA 5/653, BOA 5/838, BOA 5/922, BOA 6/59, BOA 6/321, BOA 6/405, BOA 6/448, BOA 6/493, BOA 6/582, BOA 6/619, BOA 6/748, BOA 6/752 and BOA 6/993.

³¹ BOA 3/203, BOA 3/278, BOA 3/456, BOA 3/482, BOA 3/517, BOA 3/580, BOA 3/715, BOA 3/729, BOA 3/746, BOA 3/795, BOA 3/800, BOA 3/838, BOA 3/881, BOA 3/932, BOA 3/939, BOA 3/941, BOA 3/995, BOA 3/1064, BOA 3/1110, BOA 3/1136, BOA 3/1153, BOA 3/1163, BOA 3/1215, BOA 3/1284, BOA 4/81, BOA 4/149, BOA 4/155, BOA 4/162, BOA 4/335, BOA 4/375, BOA 4/399, BOA 4/407, BOA 4/410, BOA 4/148, BOA 4/162, BOA 4/335, BOA 4/375, BOA 4/399, BOA 4/407, BOA 4/410, BOA 4/418, BOA 4/468, BOA 4/471, BOA 4/496, BOA 4/559, BOA 4/578, BOA 4/690, BOA 4/766, BOA 4/816, BOA 5/44, BOA 5/46, BOA 5/118, BOA 5/280, BOA 5/312, BOA 5/523, BOA 5/535, BOA 5/677, BOA 5/774, BOA 5/777, BOA 5/802, BOA 5/805, BOA 5/832, BOA 5/844, BOA 5/880, BOA 5/885, BOA 5/926, BOA 5/961, BOA 5/963, BOA 5/969, BOA 5/985, BOA 5/999, BOA 6/15, BOA 6/158, BOA 6/168, BOA 6/207, BOA 6/218, BOA 6/351, BOA 6/455, BOA 6/513, BOA 6/574, BOA 6/911 and BOA 6/1009.

³² BOA 3/172, BOA 3/248, BOA 3/253, BOA 3/298, BOA 3/305, BOA 3/306, BOA 3/314, BOA 3/404, BOA 3/504, BOA 3/523, BOA 3/692, BOA 3/705, BOA 3/857, BOA 3/915, BOA 3/916,

to commerce were found. At this point, it is determined that commercial problems in Istanbul have occurred mostly in the *Haslar* (40.3%) region.

In the evaluation of the judgements on the basis of the place, distinction of the sub-districts in the hinterland of *Bilad-ı Selase* has been made according to *Galata*, *Uskudar* and *Haslar* regions.

GALATA								
TOWNSHIP	CASES	PERCENTAGE	TOWNSHIP	CASES	PERCENTAGE			
BANDIRMA	2	7.7%	KAPUDAGI	7	26.9%			
CORLU	-	-	MARMARA	9	34.6%			
ERDEK	-	-	MUDANYA	-	-			
ISTINYE	1	3.8%	YENİKÖY	1	3.8%			
UNKNOWN	6	23.1%	TOTAL	26	100%			

 Table 6. Distribution of Judgements Given Related to Commerce in Galata

 District by Their Sub-districts

The concentration of judgements in *Galata* district boundaries by the township is indicated in Table 6. *Galata* region in Istanbul in the 18th century is divided into sub-district as; *Bandirma*³³, *Beyoglu, Corlu, Erdek, Istinye*³⁴, *Kapudagi, Marmara, Mudanya, Mahmutpaşa, Kasimpasa, Pinarhisar, Erdek, Gemlik* and *Yenikoy*³⁵. In the classification of book judgements made by this distinction, it is seen that the judgements entering the *Galata* district boundaries are mainly related to *Marmara* (34.6%)³⁶ and *Kapudagi* (26.9%)³⁷ townships.

BOA 3/976, BOA 3/1077, BOA 3/1230, BOA 3/1232, BOA 3/1260, BOA 3/1263, BOA 3/1266, BOA 3/1274, BOA 3/1325, BOA 3/1381, BOA 4/3, BOA 4/5, BOA 4/112, BOA 4/412, BOA 4/446, BOA 4/495, BOA 4/531, BOA 4/601, BOA 4/607, BOA 4/611, BOA 4/649, BOA 4/650, BOA 4/653, BOA 4/662, BOA 4/808, BOA 4/864, BOA 4/902, BOA 5/11, BOA 5/47, BOA 5/59, BOA 5/253, BOA 5/475, BOA 5/482, BOA 5/493, BOA 5/494, BOA 5/519, BOA 5/531, BOA 5/542, BOA 5/577, BOA 5/671, BOA 5/679, BOA 5/689, BOA 5/765, BOA 5/767, BOA 5/888, BOA 5/896, BOA 5/977, BOA 5/987, BOA 6/24, BOA 6/30, BOA 6/58, BOA 6/71, BOA 6/135, BOA 6/152, BOA 6/165, BOA 6/216, BOA 6/239, BOA 6/244, BOA 6/250, BOA 6/490, BOA 6/534, BOA 6/557, BOA 6/613, BOA 6/662, BOA 6/663, BOA 6/843, BOA 6/910, BOA 6/914, BOA 6/918, BOA 6/930, BOA 6/965, BOA 6/980, BOA 6/1010 and BOA 6/1012.

³³ BOA 5/587 and BOA 6/493.

³⁴ BOA 5/838.

³⁵ BOA 5/48.

³⁶ BOA 3/494, BOA 3/673, BOA 3/1000, BOA 3/1011, BOA 4/286, BOA 6/448, BOA 6/582, BOA 6/619 and BOA 6/993.

³⁷ BOA 3/262, BOA 4/704, BOA 4/992, BOA 6/59, BOA 6/321, BOA 6/748 and BOA 6/752.

Uskudar, another Bilad-1 Selase district, is composed of; Adalar³⁸, Agacli, Begkoz, Gekbuze³⁹, Geyve, Kandiri⁴⁰, Karamursel⁴¹, Kartal⁴², Kaymas⁴³, Kocaili, Samandıra, Seyhler⁴⁴, Sile, Taskopri⁴⁵, Tekfurdag, Tuzla, Yalakabad⁴⁶ and Yoros townships in the 18th century.

USKUDAR								
TOWNSHIP	TOWNSHIP CASES PERCENTAGE TOWNSHIP CA							
ADALAR	2	2.7%	KAYMAS	1	1.3%			
AGACLI	-	-	KOCAILI	-	-			
GEKBUZE	7	9.3%	SEYHLER	1	1.3%			
KADIKOY	-	-	SILE	33	44%			
KANDIRI	6	8%	TASKOPRI	1	1.3%			
KARAMURSEL	4	5.3%	YALAKABAD	2	2.7%			
KARTAL	6	8%	YOROS	9	12%			
UNKNOWN	3	4%	TOTAL	75	100%			

 Table 7. Distribution of Judgements Given Related to Commerce in

 Uskudar District by Their Sub-districts

As can be seen in Table 7, those who have problems in *Uskudar* district reside –mostly- in *Sile* $(44\%)^{47}$ and *Yoros* $(12\%)^{48}$ sub-districts.

The hinterland of the *Haslar* district in Istanbul in 18th century includes; Burgos, Catalca⁴⁹, Cekmece-i Kebir⁵⁰, Cekmece-i Sagir, Edirne⁵¹, Eregli⁵², Haskoy, Istiranca, Midye, Ruskasrı, Silivri and Terkos townships.

⁵¹ BOA 5/767.

³⁸ BOA 3/881 and BOA 3/1163.

³⁹ BOA 3/941, BOA 3/995, BOA 3/1064, BOA 4/471, BOA 4/690, BOA 5/46 and BOA 6/168.

⁴⁰ BOA 3/482, BOA 3/729, BOA 3/746, BOA 3/1110, BOA 4/816 and BOA 5/985.

 $^{^{41}}$ BOA 3/278, BOA 3/1284, BOA 5/999 and BOA 6/351.

⁴² BOA 3/932, BOA 4/375, BOA 4/766, BOA 5/677, BOA 6/207 and BOA 6/911.

⁴³ BOA 5/118.

⁴⁴ BOA 5/280.

⁴⁵ BOA 4/162.

 $^{^{\}rm 46}$ BOA 4/81 and BOA 5/535.

⁴⁷ BOA 3/203, BOA 3/456, BOA 3/517, BOA 3/715, BOA 3/800, BOA 3/838, BOA 3/939, BOA 3/1215 BOA 4/149, BOA 4/155, BOA 4/335, BOA 4/399, BOA 4/407, BOA 4/410, BOA 4/418, BOA 4/468, BOA 4/496, BOA 4/559, BOA 5/523, BOA 5/774, BOA 5/777, BOA 5/802, BOA 5/805, BOA 5/832, BOA 5/844, BOA 5/880, BOA 5/885, BOA 6/15, BOA 6/158, BOA 6/218, BOA 6/513, BOA 6/574 and BOA 6/1009.

⁴⁸ BOA 3/580, BOA 3/795, BOA 3/1136, BOA 3/1153, BOA 4/578, BOA 5/926, BOA 5/961, BOA 5/963 and BOA 5/969.

⁴⁹ BOA 3/305.

 $^{^{50}}$ BOA 4/412, BOA 4/649, BOA 5/542 and BOA 6/135.

⁵² BOA 3/915, BOA 3/916, BOA 5/493, BOA 5/888, BOA 6/165 and BOA 6/534.

Table 8. Ahkâm Judgements Given Related to the Commerce in Haslar
Region and The Distribution of Them in accordance with Their Sub-
districts

HASLAR (EYUP)								
TOWNSHIP	CASES	PERCENTAGE	TOWNSHIP	CASES	PERCENTAGE			
BURGOS	-	-	HASKOY	-	-			
CATALCA	1	1.1%	ISTIRANCA	-	-			
CEKMECE-I KEBIR	4	4.5%	MIDYE	35	39.3%			
CEKMECE-I SAGIR	-	-	RUSKASRI	-	-			
EDIRNE	1	1.1%	SILIVRI	15	16.9%			
EREGLI	6	6.7%	TERKOS	25	28.1%			
UNKNOWN	2	2.2%	TOTAL	89	100%			

It is determined that a very high percentage of problems as 84.3% of *Haslar* region having the largest borders within the townships of Istanbul has been lived in the sub-district of *Midye* $(39.3\%)^{53}$, *Terkos* $(28.1\%)^{54}$ and *Silivri* $(16.9\%)^{55}$ as classified with the Table 8.

In the 18th century, another research field is that at which times commercial problems experienced in these four main regions of Istanbul are seen. The commercial problems in *Surici*, *Galata*, *Uskudar* and *Haslar* regions are classified based on this thought system according to 1750-1763 years which were also the years of the research period of the study.

⁵³ BOA 3/314, BOA 3/504, BOA 3/523, BOA 3/692, BOA 3/857, BOA 3/976, BOA 3/1077, BOA 3/1230, BOA 3/1232, BOA 3/1325, BOA 3/1381, BOA 4/5, BOA 4/112, BOA 4/495, BOA 4/531, BOA 4/601, BOA 4/607, BOA 4/611, BOA 4/808, BOA 4/864, BOA 4/902, BOA 5/494, BOA 5/671, BOA 5/679, BOA 5/977, BOA 6/152, BOA 6/239, BOA 6/250, BOA 6/490, BOA 6/613, BOA 6/662, BOA 6/663, BOA 6/914, BOA 6/930 and BOA 6/1010.

⁵⁴ BOA 3/172, BOA 3/248, BOA 3/253, BOA 3/404, BOA 3/705, BOA 3/1260, BOA 3/1263, BOA 3/1266, BOA 3/1274, BOA 4/653, BOA 4/662, BOA 5/59, BOA 5/475, BOA 5/482, BOA 5/519, BOA 5/531, BOA 5/577, BOA 5/896, BOA 5/987, BOA 6/24, BOA 6/30, BOA 6/71, BOA 6/216, BOA 6/244 and BOA 6/918.

⁵⁵ BOA 3/298, BOA 3/306, BOA 4/446, BOA 4/650, BOA 5/11, BOA 5/47, BOA 5/253, BOA 5/689, BOA 5/765, BOA 6/58, BOA 6/843, BOA 6/910, BOA 6/965, BOA 6/980 and BOA 6/1012.

YEAR		REC	SION	
ILAK	SURICI	GALATA	USKUDAR	HASLAR
1750	-	1	2	6
1751	-	1	3	4
1752	4	1	3	2
1753	-	-	8	4
1754	1	2	7	3
1755	2	1	2	9
1756	2	2	9	1
1757	2	2	6	10
1758	4	2	5	6
1759	7	-	4	7
1760	3	3	9	9
1761	3	2	11	10
1762	1	5	4	7
1763	2	4	2	11

 Table 9. The Distribution of the Places in which Commercial Problems were Experienced in the 18th Century in accordance with Years

As indicated in the Table 9, it is detected when places in which commercial problems of Istanbul in the 18th century were experienced are examined that commercial problems were often experienced in *Surici* region in 1759, intensely in *Galata* region in 1762, often in *Uskudar* region in 1761, and intensely in *Haslar* region in between 1760-1763 years.

D. The Classification of the Commercial Problems Experienced in Istanbul in the 18th Century in accordance with the Social Positions of Dispute Parties

The data related to the social positions of parties experiencing problems in Istanbul in the 18th century may also be obtained from *Istanbul Ahkâm Registers*. For this purpose, it is a necessity that parties of the judgement given should be determined. In judgement records, the party applying to the kadi is entitled as *the applicant* (plaintiff) and the other party on whom the judgement is given is entitled as *the complainee* (defendant). These two parties are subjected to the discrimination in accordance with the social positioning of the period as *the askeri* or *the reaya* (and as *the urbanite* or *the villager*).

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SOCIAL POSITION		POSITIONS OF PLICANT	SOCIAL POSITIONS OF COMPLAINEE				
SUCCERENCESSITION	CASES	PERCENTAGE	CASES	PERCENTAGE			
I. ASKERI	37	16.7%	15	6.9%			
A. Urbanite	37	100%	14	93.3%			
B. Villager	-	-	1	6.7%			
II. REAYA	184	83.3%	202	92.7%			
A. Urbanite	153	83.2%	165	81.7%			
B. Villager	31	16.8%	36	17.8%			
SINGLE-ACTING	-	-	1	0.5%			
TOTAL	221	100%	218	100%			

Table 10. The Social Positions of the Parties of Commercial ProblemsExperienced in Istanbul in 18th Century

When Table 10 is analyzed, it will be detected that according to the *Ahkâm Registers*, from the two parties having problems between them in Istanbul in the second half of the 18th century, both *the applicant* party and *the complainee* party consist of the class residing in the city. A very high percentage of *applicants* as 83.3% applying to the central administration for the solution of the problems consists of *reaya* (83.2% of dwelling in centrum⁵⁶).⁵⁷ Accordingly,

⁵⁷ Besides, in *the applicant* part of *the askeri* (*urbanite*): BOA 3/404, BOA 3/580, BOA 3/941, BOA 3/1064, BOA 3/1191, BOA 3/1230, BOA 3/1232, BOA 3/1236, BOA 3/1263, BOA 3/1274, BOA 3/1278, BOA 3/1325, BOA 3/1364, BOA 4/81, BOA 4/133, BOA 4/155, BOA 4/187, BOA

⁵⁶ BOA 3/172, BOA 3/203, BOA 3/248, BOA 3/253, BOA 3/262, BOA 3/298, BOA 3/305, BOA 3/306, BOA 3/314, BOA 3/456, BOA 3/482, BOA 3/494, BOA 3/504, BOA 3/517, BOA 3/523, BOA 3/673, BOA 3/680, BOA 3/685, BOA 3/686, BOA 3/705, BOA 3/715, BOA 3/719, BOA 3/729, BOA 3/746, BOA 3/838, BOA 3/857, BOA 3/881, BOA 3/915, BOA 3/932, BOA 3/976, BOA 3/1011, BOA 3/1110, BOA 3/1136, BOA 3/1153, BOA 3/1163, BOA 3/1215, BOA 3/1260, BOA 3/1266, BOA 3/1284, BOA 3/1381, BOA 4/3, BOA 4/5, BOA 4/149, BOA 4/162, BOA 4/221, BOA 4/375, BOA 4/399, BOA 4/407, BOA 4/446, BOA 4/496, BOA 4/503, BOA 4/531, BOA 4/607, BOA 4/611, BOA 4/650, BOA 4/653, BOA 4/662, BOA 4/690, BOA 4/696, BOA 4/704, BOA 4/766, BOA 4/816, BOA 4/850, BOA 4/864, BOA 4/879, BOA 4/902, BOA 4/992, BOA 5/1, BOA 5/11, BOA 5/44, BOA 5/47, BOA 5/48, BOA 5/59, BOA 5/79, BOA 5/181, BOA 5/182, BOA 5/280, BOA 5/430, BOA 5/475, BOA 5/482, BOA 5/493, BOA 5/494, BOA 5/504, BOA 5/510, BOA 5/519, BOA 5/523, BOA 5/531, BOA 5/535, BOA 5/542, BOA 5/587, BOA 5/629, BOA 5/642, BOA 5/653, BOA 5/671, BOA 5/677, BOA 5/679, BOA 5/689, BOA 5/767, BOA 5/774, BOA 5/777, BOA 5/805, BOA 5/832, BOA 5/896, BOA 5/926, BOA 5/961, BOA 5/963, BOA 5/969, BOA 5/977, BOA 5/987, BOA 5/999, BOA 6/24, BOA 6/30, BOA 6/58, BOA 6/59, BOA 6/152, BOA 6/165, BOA 6/168, BOA 6/218, BOA 6/220, BOA 6/239, BOA 6/244, BOA 6/250, BOA 6/321, BOA 6/351, BOA 6/405, BOA 6/437, BOA 6/448, BOA 6/455, BOA 6/490, BOA 6/493, BOA 6/513, BOA 6/534, BOA 6/557, BOA 6/574, BOA 6/582, BOA 6/613, BOA 6/619, BOA 6/662, BOA 6/663, BOA 6/752, BOA 6/830, BOA 6/835, BOA 6/843, BOA 6/910, BOA 6/914, BOA 6/918, BOA 6/930, BOA 6/965, BOA 6/980, BOA 6/993, BOA 6/1009, BOA 6/1010 and BOA 6/1012.

92.7% of *the complainees* forming the other party of the judgement composes of *reaya* (also 81.7% of dwelling in centrum⁵⁸).⁵⁹

Our other question regarding the social positions of the parties is to determine which parts experiences the commercial problems, in other words to determine "*who complains whom*?". For this reason, book records are classified regarding the social positions of both parts together.

^{4/286,} BOA 4/335, BOA 4/410, BOA 4/412, BOA 4/418, BOA 4/495, BOA 4/559, BOA 4/578, BOA 4/601, BOA 4/637, BOA 4/649, BOA 4/808, BOA 5/46, BOA 5/126, BOA 5/577, BOA 5/787, BOA 5/997, BOA 6/135, BOA 6/158 and BOA 6/191. In *the applicant* part of *the reaya* (*villager*): BOA 3/278, BOA 3/692, BOA 3/795, BOA 3/800, BOA 3/916, BOA 3/939, BOA 3/995, BOA 3/1000, BOA 3/1077, BOA 4/112, BOA 4/468, BOA 4/471, BOA 5/118, BOA 5/121, BOA 5/253, BOA 5/312, BOA 5/765, BOA 5/802, BOA 5/838, BOA 5/844, BOA 5/880, BOA 5/885, BOA 5/888, BOA 5/922, BOA 5/985, BOA 6/15, BOA 6/71, BOA 6/207, BOA 6/216, BOA 6/748 and BOA 6/911.

⁵⁸ BOA 3/172, BOA 3/203, BOA 3/248, BOA 3/253, BOA 3/262, BOA 3/298, BOA 3/305, BOA 3/306, BOA 3/314, BOA 3/404, BOA 3/456, BOA 3/482, BOA 3/494, BOA 3/504, BOA 3/517, BOA 3/523, BOA 3/580, BOA 3/680, BOA 3/685, BOA 3/686, BOA 3/692, BOA 3/705, BOA 3/715, BOA 3/719, BOA 3/729, BOA 3/746, BOA 3/795, BOA 3/838, BOA 3/857, BOA 3/881, BOA 3/915, BOA 3/916, BOA 3/932, BOA 3/941, BOA 3/976, BOA 3/1011, BOA 3/1110, BOA 3/1136, BOA 3/1153, BOA 3/1163, BOA 3/1191, BOA 3/1215, BOA 3/1230, BOA 3/1236, BOA 3/1263, BOA 3/1266, BOA 3/1274, BOA 3/1278, BOA 3/1284, BOA 3/1325, BOA 3/1364, BOA 3/1381, BOA 4/5, BOA 4/81, BOA 4/155, BOA 4/162, BOA 4/187, BOA 4/286, BOA 4/399, BOA 4/407, BOA 4/418, BOA 4/446, BOA 4/495, BOA 4/496, BOA 4/503, BOA 4/531, BOA 4/578, BOA 4/601, BOA 4/607, BOA 4/611, BOA 4/637, BOA 4/649, BOA 4/650, BOA 4/696, BOA 4/704, BOA 4/766, BOA 4/808, BOA 4/816, BOA 4/850, BOA 4/864, BOA 4/879, BOA 4/902, BOA 4/992, BOA 5/1, BOA 5/11, BOA 5/44, BOA 5/47, BOA 5/48, BOA 5/59, BOA 5/79, BOA 5/118, BOA 5/121, BOA 5/126, BOA 5/182, BOA 5/430, BOA 5/475, BOA 5/482, BOA 5/493, BOA 5/494, BOA 5/519, BOA 5/523, BOA 5/531, BOA 5/535, BOA 5/542, BOA 5/587, BOA 5/629, BOA 5/642, BOA 5/653, BOA 5/671, BOA 5/677, BOA 5/679, BOA 5/689, BOA 5/765, BOA 5/767, BOA 5/774, BOA 5/777, BOA 5/787, BOA 5/832, BOA 5/896, BOA 5/926, BOA 5/961, BOA 5/963, BOA 5/969, BOA 5/987, BOA 5/997, BOA 5/999, BOA 6/15, BOA 6/24, BOA 6/58, BOA 6/59, BOA 6/135, BOA 6/152, BOA 6/158, BOA 6/165, BOA 6/218, BOA 6/220, BOA 6/239, BOA 6/244, BOA 6/250, BOA 6/321, BOA 6/405, BOA 6/437, BOA 6/448, BOA 6/455, BOA 6/490, BOA 6/513, BOA 6/557, BOA 6/574, BOA 6/582, BOA 6/613, BOA 6/662, BOA 6/663, BOA 6/752, BOA 6/830, BOA 6/835, BOA 6/843, BOA 6/910, BOA 6/914, BOA 6/918, BOA 6/930, BOA 6/965, BOA 6/980, BOA 6/993, BOA 6/1010 and BOA 6/1012. ⁵⁹ Moreover, in the complainee part of the askeri (urbanite): BOA 4/375, BOA 5/46, BOA 5/181,

²⁷ Moreover, in *the complainee* part of *the askerl (urbanite)*: BOA 4/375, BOA 5/46, BOA 5/181, BOA 5/504, BOA 5/510, BOA 5/805, BOA 5/888, BOA 5/977, BOA 6/168, BOA 6/191, BOA 6/351, BOA 6/493, BOA 6/534 and BOA 6/619. In *the complainee* part of *the askeri (villager)*: BOA 6/207. In *the complainee* part of *the reaya (villager)*: BOA 3/278, BOA 3/673, BOA 3/800, BOA 3/939, BOA 3/995, BOA 3/1000, BOA 3/1064, BOA 3/1077, BOA 3/1232, BOA 4/112, BOA 4/133, BOA 4/335, BOA 4/410, BOA 4/468, BOA 4/471, BOA 4/559, BOA 4/653, BOA 4/662, BOA 4/690, BOA 5/253, BOA 5/280, BOA 5/312, BOA 5/577, BOA 5/802, BOA 5/838, BOA 5/844, BOA 5/880, BOA 5/885, BOA 5/922, BOA 5/985, BOA 6/30, BOA 6/71, BOA 6/216, BOA 6/748, BOA 6/911 and BOA 6/1009.

SOCIAL POSITIONS OF THE CASE PARTIES		CASES	PERCENTAGE	
APPLICANT	COMPLAINEE	CASES	TERCENTAGE	
I. ASKERI	ASKERI	2	0.9%	
II. ASKERI	REAYA	34	15.4%	
III. REAYA	REAYA	168	76%	
IV. REAYA	ASKERI	13	5.9%	

Table 11. Mutual Social Positions of Parties of the Commercial Problems
Experienced in Istanbul in 18th Century: Who Complains Whom?

As can be seen in Table 11, in the 18th century, commercial problems in Istanbul were mostly experienced among *the reaya* ones. In that, while both parties consist of *the reaya* at a very high rate like 76% of prejudgements⁶⁰, 15.4% of it was experienced between "*the askeri* and *the reaya*"⁶¹, 5.9% of it

⁶⁰ BOA 3/172, BOA 3/203, BOA 3/248, BOA 3/253, BOA 3/262, BOA 3/278, BOA 3/298, BOA 3/305, BOA 3/306, BOA 3/314, BOA 3/456, BOA 3/482, BOA 3/494, BOA 3/504, BOA 3/517, BOA 3/523, BOA 3/673, BOA 3/680, BOA 3/685, BOA 3/686, BOA 3/692, BOA 3/705, BOA 3/715, BOA 3/719, BOA 3/729, BOA 3/746, BOA 3/795, BOA 3/800, BOA 3/838, BOA 3/857, BOA 3/881, BOA 3/915, BOA 3/916, BOA 3/932, BOA 3/939, BOA 3/976, BOA 3/995, BOA 3/1000, BOA 3/1011, BOA 3/1077, BOA 3/1110, BOA 3/1136, BOA 3/1153, BOA 3/1163, BOA 3/1215, BOA 3/1266, BOA 3/1284, BOA 3/1381, BOA 4/5, BOA 4/112, BOA 4/162, BOA 4/221, BOA 4/399, BOA 4/407, BOA 4/446, BOA 4/468, BOA 4/471, BOA 4/496, BOA 4/503, BOA 4/531, BOA 4/607, BOA 4/611, BOA 4/650, BOA 4/653, BOA 4/662, BOA 4/690, BOA 4/696, BOA 4/704, BOA 4/766, BOA 4/816, BOA 4/850, BOA 4/864, BOA 4/879, BOA 4/902, BOA 4/992, BOA 5/1, BOA 5/11, BOA 5/44, BOA 5/47, BOA 5/48, BOA 5/59, BOA 5/79, BOA 5/118, BOA 5/121, BOA 5/182, BOA 5/253, BOA 5/280, BOA 5/312, BOA 5/430, BOA 5/475, BOA 5/482, BOA 5/493, BOA 5/494, BOA 5/519, BOA 5/523, BOA 5/531, BOA 5/535, BOA 5/542, BOA 5/587, BOA 5/629, BOA 5/642, BOA 5/653, BOA 5/671, BOA 5/677, BOA 5/679, BOA 5/689, BOA 5/765, BOA 5/767, BOA 5/774, BOA 5/777, BOA 5/802, BOA 5/832, BOA 5/838, BOA 5/844, BOA 5/880, BOA 5/885, BOA 5/896, BOA 5/922, BOA 5/926, BOA 5/961, BOA 5/963, BOA 5/969, BOA 5/985, BOA 5/987, BOA 5/999, BOA 6/15, BOA 6/24, BOA 6/30, BOA 6/58, BOA 6/59, BOA 6/71, BOA 6/152, BOA 6/165, BOA 6/216, BOA 6/218, BOA 6/220, BOA 6/239, BOA 6/244, BOA 6/250, BOA 6/321, BOA 6/405, BOA 6/437, BOA 6/448, BOA 6/455, BOA 6/490, BOA 6/513, BOA 6/557, BOA 6/574, BOA 6/582, BOA 6/613, BOA 6/662, BOA 6/663, BOA 6/748, BOA 6/752, BOA 6/830, BOA 6/835, BOA 6/843, BOA 6/910, BOA 6/911, BOA 6/914, BOA 6/918, BOA 6/930, BOA 6/965, BOA 6/980, BOA 6/993, BOA 6/1009, BOA 6/1010 and BOA 6/1012.

⁶¹ BOA 3/404, BOA 3/580, BOA 3/941, BOA 3/1064, BOA 3/1191, BOA 3/1230, BOA 3/1232, BOA 3/1236, BOA 3/1263, BOA 3/1274, BOA 3/1278, BOA 3/1325, BOA 3/1364, BOA 4/81, BOA 4/133, BOA 4/155, BOA 4/187, BOA 4/286, BOA 4/335, BOA 4/410, BOA 4/418, BOA 4/495, BOA 4/559, BOA 4/578, BOA 4/601, BOA 4/637, BOA 4/649, BOA 4/808, BOA 5/126, BOA 5/577, BOA 5/787, BOA 5/997, BOA 6/135 and BOA 6/158.

was experienced between "*the reaya* and *the askeri*"⁶² and only 0.9% of it was experienced between two *askeri*⁶³.

In conclusion, the religion of the parties was determined in the analysis of judgements in accordance with the social positions. Within this framework, the religious distributions of *the applicant* party and *the complainee* party are determined from judgements given in accordance with their social positions and are tabulated.

Table 12. The Religious Distributions of The Applicants Applying for theSolution of Their Commercial Problems in Istanbul in the 18th Century in
accordance with Their Social Positions

SOCIAL POSITION OF APPLICANT	RELIGION OF APPLICANT				
	I. MUSLIM	II. NON-MUSLIM	A. Dhimmi	B. Jews	C. Nazarene
I. ASKERI	34	2	1	1	-
II. REAYA	160	22	17	5	-
TOTAL	194	24	18	6	-

As can be followed with Table 12, it is detected that while 34 of *the askeri* are *Muslims*; 160 (73.4%) of *the reaya* are *Muslims* and 26.6% of them *Non-Muslims* (17 cases *Dhimmi* and only 5 cases *Jews*) from *the applicants* applying for the solution of commercial problems in the related period.

Table 13. The Religious Distributions of The Complainee Party inProblems Experienced in the Commerce of Istanbul, in the 18th Centuryin accordance with Its Social Position

SOCIAL POSITION OF COMPLAINEE	RELIGION OF COMPLAINEE				
	I. MUSLIM	II. NON-MUSLIM	A. Dhimmi	B. Jews	C. Nazarene
I. ASKERI	15	-	-	-	-
II. REAYA	143	28	27	1	-
TOTAL	158	28	27	1	-

Also, similar results have been obtained in religious distributions analyzed in accordance with the social position of *the complainee* party. As can

⁶² BOA 4/375, BOA 5/181, BOA 5/504, BOA 5/510, BOA 5/805, BOA 5/888, BOA 5/977, BOA 6/168, BOA 6/207, BOA 6/351, BOA 6/493, BOA 6/534 and BOA 6/619.

⁶³ BOA 5/46 and BOA 6/191.

be seen in Table 13, *the askeri* and *the reaya* composing of *the complainee* party are also mostly *Muslims*. In that, while all of the 15 *askeri* complained are *Muslims*, a very high rate of *reaya* as 83.6% (143 cases) are also *Muslims* (and only 28 cases *Non-Muslims*).

E. The Classification of the Parties of Commercial problems Experienced in Istanbul in the 18th Century in accordance with Their Religions

The data about the religious characteristics of the persons being a party to the commercial problems seen in between 1750-1763 years are obtained from the records of *Istanbul Ahkâm Registers*. According to the record systematic of *Ahkâm Register*, the religious characteristics of two parties having a dispute between themselves are mentioned with their names. From this point of view, the purpose is to classify parties having a dispute between themselves in accordance with their religions and (i) "the distributions of *Muslim* and *Non-Muslim* in judgements" and (ii) "the mutual religions of the parties" are analyzed.

In the relevant period, the religious distributions of *the applicant* and *the complainee* parties having disputes between themselves are evaluated in terms of *Muslim*, *Non-Muslim* and *joint applicants*.

RELIGIOUS	RELIGION OF APPLICANT		RELIGION OF COMPLAINE		
COMPOSITION	CASES	PERCENTAGE	CASES	PERCENTAGE	
I. MUSLIM	194	87.8%	158	71.5%	
II. NON-MUSLIM	24	10.9%	28	12.7%	
A. Dhimmi	18	75%	27	96.4%	
B. Jews	6	25%	1	3.6%	
C. Nazarene	-	-	-	-	
III. RELIGION OF JOINT APPLICANTS	3	1.4%	5	2.3%	
A. Muslim and Dhimmi	3	100%	4	80%	

A. Muslim and Dhimmi B. Muslim and Jews

C. Dhimmi and Nazarene

IV. UNKNOWN

V. SINGLE-ACTING

 Table 14. Religions of the Parties Experiencing Problems in Istanbul in the 18th Century: Muslim and Non-Muslim Distributions

When this classification concluded in Table 14 is analyzed, it will be seen that *Muslim* people have intensity in both parties experiencing problems in

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20%

15.8%

1.4%

Istanbul in the related period. In that, while 87.8%⁶⁴ of *the applicants* and 71.5%⁶⁵ of *the complainees* are *Muslims*; only 10.9%⁶⁶ of *the applicants* and

⁶⁴ BOA 3/172, BOA 3/203, BOA 3/248, BOA 3/253, BOA 3/262, BOA 3/278, BOA 3/305, BOA 3/314, BOA 3/404, BOA 3/456, BOA 3/482, BOA 3/494, BOA 3/504, BOA 3/517, BOA 3/523, BOA 3/580, BOA 3/680, BOA 3/685, BOA 3/686, BOA 3/705, BOA 3/715, BOA 3/719, BOA 3/729, BOA 3/746, BOA 3/795, BOA 3/800, BOA 3/838, BOA 3/881, BOA 3/915, BOA 3/916, BOA 3/941, BOA 3/976, BOA 3/995, BOA 3/1000, BOA 3/1011, BOA 3/1064, BOA 3/1136, BOA 3/1153, BOA 3/1163, BOA 3/1191, BOA 3/1215, BOA 3/1230, BOA 3/1232, BOA 3/1236, BOA 3/1260, BOA 3/1263, BOA 3/1266, BOA 3/1274, BOA 3/1278, BOA 3/1284, BOA 3/1325, BOA 3/1364, BOA 3/1381, BOA 4/3, BOA 4/5, BOA 4/81, BOA 4/133, BOA 4/149, BOA 4/162, BOA 4/187, BOA 4/286, BOA 4/335, BOA 4/375, BOA 4/399, BOA 4/407, BOA 4/412, BOA 4/418, BOA 4/446, BOA 4/468, BOA 4/471, BOA 4/495, BOA 4/496, BOA 4/503, BOA 4/531, BOA 4/559, BOA 4/578, BOA 4/601, BOA 4/611, BOA 4/637, BOA 4/649, BOA 4/650, BOA 4/653, BOA 4/662, BOA 4/696, BOA 4/766, BOA 4/808, BOA 4/816, BOA 4/864, BOA 4/879, BOA 4/902, BOA 4/992, BOA 5/1, BOA 5/11, BOA 5/44, BOA 5/46, BOA 5/47, BOA 5/48, BOA 5/59, BOA 5/79, BOA 5/118, BOA 5/121, BOA 5/126, BOA 5/182, BOA 5/253, BOA 5/280, BOA 5/312, BOA 5/430, BOA 5/475, BOA 5/482, BOA 5/493, BOA 5/494, BOA 5/504, BOA 5/519, BOA 5/523, BOA 5/531, BOA 5/535, BOA 5/542, BOA 5/577, BOA 5/587, BOA 5/629, BOA 5/642, BOA 5/677, BOA 5/679, BOA 5/689, BOA 5/765, BOA 5/767, BOA 5/774, BOA 5/777, BOA 5/802, BOA 5/805, BOA 5/832, BOA 5/838, BOA 5/844, BOA 5/880, BOA 5/885, BOA 5/888, BOA 5/896, BOA 5/922, BOA 5/926, BOA 5/961, BOA 5/963, BOA 5/969, BOA 5/985, BOA 5/987, BOA 5/997, BOA 5/999, BOA 6/15, BOA 6/24, BOA 6/30, BOA 6/58, BOA 6/59, BOA 6/135, BOA 6/152, BOA 6/158, BOA 6/165, BOA 6/168, BOA 6/191, BOA 6/207, BOA 6/216, BOA 6/218, BOA 6/220, BOA 6/239, BOA 6/244, BOA 6/250, BOA 6/321, BOA 6/405, BOA 6/437, BOA 6/448, BOA 6/455, BOA 6/490, BOA 6/493, BOA 6/513, BOA 6/534, BOA 6/557, BOA 6/574, BOA 6/582, BOA 6/613, BOA 6/619, BOA 6/662, BOA 6/748, BOA 6/752, BOA 6/830, BOA 6/835, BOA 6/910, BOA 6/911, BOA 6/914, BOA 6/918, BOA 6/930, BOA 6/965, BOA 6/980, BOA 6/993, BOA 6/1009, BOA 6/1010 and BOA 6/1012. ⁶⁵ BOA 3/172, BOA 3/203, BOA 3/248, BOA 3/253, BOA 3/262, BOA 3/278, BOA 3/314, BOA 3/404, BOA 3/456, BOA 3/482, BOA 3/494, BOA 3/504, BOA 3/517, BOA 3/523, BOA 3/580, BOA 3/680, BOA 3/685, BOA 3/686, BOA 3/705, BOA 3/715, BOA 3/719, BOA 3/729, BOA 3/746, BOA 3/795, BOA 3/800, BOA 3/838, BOA 3/857, BOA 3/915, BOA 3/916, BOA 3/941, BOA 3/976, BOA 3/995, BOA 3/1011, BOA 3/1064, BOA 3/1110, BOA 3/1136, BOA 3/1153, BOA 3/1215, BOA 3/1266, BOA 3/1284, BOA 3/1381, BOA 4/5, BOA 4/81, BOA 4/162, BOA 4/286, BOA 4/335, BOA 4/375, BOA 4/399, BOA 4/407, BOA 4/418, BOA 4/446, BOA 4/468, BOA 4/495, BOA 4/496, BOA 4/531, BOA 4/559, BOA 4/650, BOA 4/653, BOA 4/696, BOA 4/766, BOA 4/808, BOA 4/816, BOA 4/850, BOA 4/864, BOA 4/879, BOA 4/992, BOA 5/1, BOA 5/11, BOA 5/44, BOA 5/46, BOA 5/47, BOA 5/48, BOA 5/59, BOA 5/118, BOA 5/126, BOA 5/181, BOA 5/182, BOA 5/430, BOA 5/475, BOA 5/482, BOA 5/493, BOA 5/494, BOA 5/504, BOA 5/510, BOA 5/519, BOA 5/523, BOA 5/535, BOA 5/577, BOA 5/587, BOA 5/629, BOA 5/642. BOA 5/679. BOA 5/689. BOA 5/765. BOA 5/767. BOA 5/774. BOA 5/777. BOA 5/802. BOA 5/805, BOA 5/832, BOA 5/838, BOA 5/844, BOA 5/880, BOA 5/885, BOA 5/888, BOA 5/896, BOA 5/922, BOA 5/926, BOA 5/961, BOA 5/963, BOA 5/969, BOA 5/977, BOA 5/985, BOA 5/987, BOA 5/999, BOA 6/15, BOA 6/58, BOA 6/59, BOA 6/71, BOA 6/152, BOA 6/158, BOA 6/165, BOA 6/168, BOA 6/191, BOA 6/207, BOA 6/216, BOA 6/218, BOA 6/220, BOA 6/239, BOA 6/250, BOA 6/321, BOA 6/351, BOA 6/437, BOA 6/455, BOA 6/490, BOA 6/493, BOA 6/513, BOA 6/534, BOA 6/557, BOA 6/574, BOA 6/582, BOA 6/613, BOA 6/619, BOA 6/663, BOA 6/748, BOA 6/752, BOA 6/830, BOA 6/835, BOA 6/843, BOA 6/910, BOA 6/911, BOA 6/914, BOA 6/918, BOA 6/930, BOA 6/980, BOA 6/993, BOA 6/1009 and BOA 6/1012.

12.7%⁶⁷ of *the complainees* are *Non-Muslims*. Also, it is determined that these *Non-Muslims* are mainly *Dhimmi*. Nevertheless, it can be similarly seen that parties of *the joint applicants* consist of *"Muslims* and *Dhimmis"*.

Also, the data related to the mutual religious characteristics of the parties having disputes between themselves is obtained from *Istanbul Ahkâm Registers* analyzed with relation to the 18th century.

THE MUTUAL RELIGIONS OF THE PARTIES		CASES	PERCENTAGE	
APPLICANT	COMPLAINEE			
I. MUSLIM	MUSLIM	148	67%	
II. MUSLIM	NON-MUSLIM	21	9.5%	
A. MUSLIM	DHIMMI	21	100%	
B. MUSLIM	JEWS	-	-	
C. MUSLIM	NAZARENE	-	-	
III. NON-MUSLIM	MUSLIM	11	5%	
A. DHIMMI	MUSLIM	8	72.7%	
B. JEWS	MUSLIM	3	27.3%	
C. NAZARENE	MUSLIM	-	-	
III. NON-MUSLIM	NON-MUSLIM	8	3.6%	
A. DHIMMI	DHIMMI	7	87.5%	
B. DHIMMI	NAZARENE	-	-	
C. JEWS	JEWS	1	12.5%	
D. NAZARENE	DHIMMI	-	-	
E. NAZARENE	NAZARENE	-	-	

Table 15. The Mutual Religions of the Parties Having Disputes BetweenThemselves in Istanbul in the 18th Century

As can be seen in Table 15, commercial problems experienced in Istanbul in the 18th century have mainly appeared between two *Muslims*. According to the related *Ahkâm Registers*, 86.4% of the prejudgements related

⁶⁶ *Dhimmi* of *the applicant*: BOA 3/298, BOA 3/306, BOA 3/673, BOA 3/857, BOA 3/932, BOA 3/1077, BOA 3/1110, BOA 4/3, BOA 4/112, BOA 4/690, BOA 5/510, BOA 5/677, BOA 5/787, BOA 5/922, BOA 5/977, BOA 6/71, BOA 6/351 and BOA 6/663. *Jews* of *the applicant*: BOA 4/221, BOA 4/410, BOA 4/704, BOA 4/850, BOA 5/181 and BOA 6/843.

⁶⁷ *Dhimmi* of *the complainee*: BOA 3/298, BOA 3/305, BOA 3/306, BOA 3/673, BOA 3/881, BOA 3/932, BOA 3/1000, BOA 3/1077, BOA 3/1163, BOA 3/1232, BOA 4/112, BOA 4/471, BOA 4/503, BOA 4/662, BOA 4/766, BOA 4/902, BOA 5/253, BOA 5/280, BOA 5/519, BOA 5/523, BOA 5/922, BOA 6/135, BOA 6/244, BOA 6/405, BOA 6/448, BOA 6/662 and BOA 6/1010. *Jews* of *the complainee*: BOA 6/843.

to the commercial disputes are for the *Muslim* subject. Also, 67% of the commercial problems have occurred between two *Muslims*⁶⁸.

On the other hand, it can be seen in only 40 cases of all 221 cases in the related period that at least one of the parties is *Non-Muslim*. In that, 3.6% of prejudgements concerning the problems is between two *Non-Muslims*⁶⁹ (87.5% of these are between two *Dhimmis*), 9.5% of it is between "*Muslim* and *Non-Muslim*"⁷⁰ (all of these are between "*Muslim* and *Dhimmi*") and 3.6% of it is between "*Non-Muslim* and *Muslim*"⁷¹ (72.7% of these are "*Dhimmi* and *Muslim*").

F. The Classification of the Problems Experienced in Istanbul in the 18th Century in Accordance With Years

The last classification in the *Ahkâm Registers* of the problems experienced in the commerce of Istanbul in between 1750-1763 years period is

Between two Jews: BOA 6/843.

⁶⁸ BOA 3/172, BOA 3/203, BOA 3/248, BOA 3/253, BOA 3/262, BOA 3/278, BOA 3/314, BOA 3/404, BOA 3/456, BOA 3/482, BOA 3/494, BOA 3/504, BOA 3/517, BOA 3/523, BOA 3/580, BOA 3/680, BOA 3/685, BOA 3/686, BOA 3/705, BOA 3/715, BOA 3/719, BOA 3/729, BOA 3/746, BOA 3/795, BOA 3/800, BOA 3/838, BOA 3/915, BOA 3/916, BOA 3/941, BOA 3/976, BOA 3/995, BOA 3/1011, BOA 3/1064, BOA 3/1136, BOA 3/1153, BOA 3/1215, BOA 3/1266, BOA 3/1284, BOA 3/1381, BOA 4/5, BOA 4/81, BOA 4/162, BOA 4/286, BOA 4/335, BOA 4/375, BOA 4/399, BOA 4/407, BOA 4/418, BOA 4/446, BOA 4/468, BOA 4/495, BOA 4/496, BOA 4/531, BOA 4/559, BOA 4/650, BOA 4/653, BOA 4/696, BOA 4/766, BOA 4/808, BOA 4/816, BOA 4/864, BOA 4/879, BOA 4/992, BOA 5/1, BOA 5/11, BOA 5/44, BOA 5/46, BOA 5/47, BOA 5/48, BOA 5/59, BOA 5/118, BOA 5/126, BOA 5/182, BOA 5/430, BOA 5/475, BOA 5/482, BOA 5/493, BOA 5/494, BOA 5/504, BOA 5/519, BOA 5/523, BOA 5/535, BOA 5/577, BOA 5/587, BOA 5/629, BOA 5/642, BOA 5/679, BOA 5/689, BOA 5/765, BOA 5/767, BOA 5/774, BOA 5/777, BOA 5/802, BOA 5/805, BOA 5/832, BOA 5/838, BOA 5/844, BOA 5/880, BOA 5/885, BOA 5/888, BOA 5/896, BOA 5/922, BOA 5/926, BOA 5/961, BOA 5/963, BOA 5/969, BOA 5/985, BOA 5/987, BOA 5/999, BOA 6/15, BOA 6/58, BOA 6/59, BOA 6/152, BOA 6/158, BOA 6/165, BOA 6/168, BOA 6/191, BOA 6/207, BOA 6/216, BOA 6/218, BOA 6/220, BOA 6/239, BOA 6/250, BOA 6/321, BOA 6/437, BOA 6/455, BOA 6/490, BOA 6/493, BOA 6/513, BOA 6/534, BOA 6/557, BOA 6/574, BOA 6/582, BOA 6/613, BOA 6/619, BOA 6/748, BOA 6/752, BOA 6/830, BOA 6/835, BOA 6/910, BOA 6/911, BOA 6/914, BOA 6/918, BOA 6/930, BOA 6/980, BOA 6/993, BOA 6/1009 and BOA 6/1012.

⁶⁹ Between two *Dhimmis*: BOA 3/298, BOA 3/306, BOA 3/673, BOA 3/932, BOA 3/1077, BOA 4/112 and BOA 5/922.

⁷⁰ Between "*Muslim* and *Dhimmi*": BOA 3/305, BOA 3/881, BOA 3/1000, BOA 3/1163, BOA 3/1232, BOA 4/471, BOA 4/503, BOA 4/662, BOA 4/766, BOA 4/902, BOA 5/253, BOA 5/280, BOA 5/519, BOA 5/523, BOA 5/922, BOA 6/135, BOA 6/244, BOA 6/405, BOA 6/448, BOA 6/662 and BOA 6/1010.

⁷¹ Between "*Dhimmi* and *Muslim*": BOA 3/857, BOA 3/1110, BOA 5/510, BOA 5/922, BOA 5/977, BOA 6/71, BOA 6/351 and BOA 6/663. Between "*Jews* and *Muslim*": BOA 4/850, BOA 5/181 and BOA 6/843.

based on the evaluation of judgements in accordance with years. Our intention in the classification of prejudgements in accordance with years is to determine how the frequency of commercial problems change by years. Within this framework, dates of the judgement in the *Ahkâm Registers* are analyzed to make classification in accordance with years.

YEAR	CASES	PERCENTAGE	
1750	9	4.1%	
1751	8	3.6%	
1752	10	4.5%	
1753	12	5.4%	
1754	13	5.9%	
1755	14	6.3%	
1756	14	6.3%	
1757	20	9%	
1758	17	7.7%	
1759	18	8.1%	
1760	24	10.8%	
1761	26	11.8%	
1762	17	7.7%	
1763	19	8.6%	
TOTAL	221	100%	

Table 16. Years in which Istanbul Commercial Problems are Experiencedin the 18th Century

When the classifications of problems seen in Istanbul commerce in between 1750-1763 years as our analyzing period made on the basis of years – in table 16- are evaluated, it is detected that applications about commercial problems are relatively high in between 1757-1763 years⁷², it gradually

⁷² The cases regarding 1757 are BOA 4/446, BOA 4/468, BOA 4/471, BOA 4/495, BOA 4/496, BOA 4/503, BOA 4/531, BOA 4/559, BOA 4/578, BOA 4/601, BOA 4/607, BOA 4/611, BOA 4/637, BOA 4/649, BOA 4/650, BOA 4/653, BOA 4/662, BOA 4/690, BOA 4/696 and BOA 4/704. The decisions related to 1758 are BOA 4/766, BOA 4/808, BOA 4/816, BOA 4/850, BOA 4/864, BOA 4/879, BOA 4/902, BOA 4/992, BOA 5/1, BOA 5/11, BOA 5/44, BOA 5/46, BOA 4/804, BOA 5/59, BOA 5/79 and BOA 5/118. The registers related to 1759 are BOA 5/121, BOA 5/126, BOA 5/181, BOA 5/182, BOA 5/253, BOA 5/280, BOA 5/510, BOA 5/519, BOA 5/493, BOA 5/494, BOA 5/504, BOA 5/510, BOA 5/519, BOA 5/523, BOA 5/531 and BOA 5/535. The decisions regarding 1760 are BOA 5/542, BOA 5/577, BOA 5/587, BOA 5/629, BOA 5/642, BOA 5/653, BOA 5/671, BOA 5/677, BOA 5/679, BOA 5/689, BOA 5/765, BOA 5/767, BOA 5/774, BOA 5/777, BOA 5/677, BOA 5/802, BOA 5/805, BOA 5/832, BOA 5/838, BOA 5/844, BOA 5/800, BOA 5/961, BOA 5/963, BOA 5/969, BOA 5/977, BOA 5/985, BOA 5/987, BOA 5/997, BOA 5/999, BOA 6/158, BOA 6/165, BOA 6/168, BOA 6/58, BOA 6/59, BOA 6/158, BOA 6/165, BOA 6/168, BOA 5/58, BOA 6/165, BOA 6/168, BOA 5/58, BOA 6/165, BOA 6/168, BOA 5/58, BOA 6/165, BOA 6/168, BOA 5/58, BOA 6/168, BOA 6/168, BOA 6/152, BOA 6/165, BOA 6/168, BOA 6/168, BOA 6/152, BOA 6/165, BOA 6/168, BOA 5/58, BOA 6/165, BOA 6/168, BOA 5/58, BOA 6/165, BOA 6/168, BOA 5/58, BOA 6/155, BOA 6/165, BOA 6/168, BOA 5/58, BOA 6/155, BOA 6/165, BOA 6/168, BOA 5/58, BOA 6/59, BOA 6/152, BOA 6/165, BOA 6/168, BOA 5/58, BOA 6/155, BOA 6/165, BOA 6/168, BOA 5/58, BOA 6/59, BOA 6/152, BOA 6/155, BOA 6/168, BOA 6/158, BOA 6/165, BOA 6/168, BOA 6/58, BOA 6/155, BOA 6/168, BOA 6/58, BOA 6/155, BOA 6/168, BOA 6/155, BOA 6/165, BOA 6/168, BOA 6/58, BOA 6/155, BOA 6/168, BOA 6/155, BOA 6/165, BOA 6/168, BOA 6/58, BOA 6/59, BOA 6/155, BOA 6/168, BOA 6/155, BOA 6/168, BOA 6/155, BOA 6/168, BOA 6/155, BOA 6/168, BOA 6/155, BOA 6/168, BOA 6/155, BOA 6/168, BOA 6/155, BOA 6/168, BOA 6/155, BOA 6/168, BOA 6/155, BOA 6/158, BOA 6/158, B

decreases towards 1750. In that, while 1750-1763 years period, 63.8% (141 cases) of the commercial problems experienced in Istanbul in between 1757-1763 years period and only 36.2%(80 cases) of it is seen in between 1750-1756 years⁷³ period. Also, it is pointed out that commercial problems of Istanbul is relatively high especially in 1760 (10.8%) and 1761 (11.8%) years.

CONCLUSION

This archive study having the aim of analyzing the commerce in Istanbul in the second half of the 18th century is based on the classification of *Istanbul Ahkâm Registers* of the period. With this purpose, records of *Istanbul Ahkâm Registers* including commercial problems related to the period between May 1750-December 1763 years are analyzed. In the related registers, 221 cases are detected related to the problems concerning the commerce in Istanbul.

Each register detected is classified according to "the book numbers in the *Ahkâm Registers*", "the problems experienced in the commerce", "the application places according to the Istanbul townships", "social positions of the parties", "religions of the parties", and "years" variables which are determined by ourselves.

Records related to the commercial problems experienced in between 1750-1763 years in Istanbul take place in the 3-6 numbers of Ahkâm Books. In this period in which 221 judgements were given, it is determined that maximum

^{6/191,} BOA 6/207, BOA 6/216, BOA 6/218 and BOA 6/220. The cases regarding 1762 are BOA 6/239, BOA 6/244, BOA 6/250, BOA 6/321, BOA 6/351, BOA 6/405, BOA 6/437, BOA 6/448, BOA 6/455, BOA 6/490, BOA 6/493, BOA 6/513, BOA 6/534, BOA 6/557, BOA 6/574, BOA 6/582 and BOA 6/613. The decisions related to 1763 are BOA 6/619, BOA 6/662, BOA 6/663, BOA 6/748, BOA 6/752, BOA 6/830, BOA 6/835, BOA 6/843, BOA 6/910, BOA 6/911, BOA 6/914, BOA 6/918, BOA 6/930, BOA 6/965, BOA 6/980, BOA 6/993, BOA 6/1009, BOA 6/1010 and BOA 6/1012.

 $^{^{73}}$ The cases related to 1750 are BOA 3/172, BOA 3/203, BOA 3/248, BOA 3/253, BOA 3/262, BOA 3/278, BOA 3/298, BOA 3/305 and BOA 3/306. The registers related to 1751 are BOA 3/314, BOA 3/404, BOA 3/456, BOA 3/482, BOA 3/494, BOA 3/504, BOA 3/517 and BOA 3/523. The cases regarding 1752 are BOA 3/580, BOA 3/673, BOA 3/680, BOA 3/685, BOA 3/686, BOA 3/692, BOA 3/705, BOA 3/715, BOA 3/719 and BOA 3/729. The decisions related to 1753 are BOA 3/746, BOA 3/795, BOA 3/800, BOA 3/838, BOA 3/857, BOA 3/881, BOA 3/915, BOA 3/916, BOA 3/932, BOA 3/939, BOA 3/941 and BOA 3/976. The cases related to 1754 are BOA 3/995, BOA 3/1000, BOA 3/1011, BOA 3/1064, BOA 3/1077, BOA 3/1110, BOA 3/1136, BOA 3/1153, BOA 3/1163, BOA 3/1260, BOA 3/1230 and BOA 3/1232. The cases regarding 1755 are BOA 3/1236, BOA 3/1260, BOA 3/1263, BOA 3/1266, BOA 3/1274, BOA 3/1278, BOA 3/1284, BOA 3/1325, BOA 3/1364, BOA 3/1381, BOA 4/3, BOA 4/5, BOA 4/81 and BOA 4/112. The decisions related to 1756 are BOA 4/133, BOA 4/149, BOA 4/155, BOA 4/162, BOA 4/187, BOA 4/221, BOA 4/286, BOA 4/335, BOA 4/375, BOA 4/399, BOA 4/407, BOA 4/410, BOA 4/412 and BOA 4/418.

decisions takes place in the book numbered 3 (62 cases and the 28.1% of total judgements).

According to Ahkâm Records, the most important problems experienced in Istanbul commerce are related to the general subjects of *commerce*, *price*, *assignation*, *transport and storage of merchandise* (98 cases and the 44.3% of total judgments) and *maritime trade*, *shipping*, *marine accident and shipwrecked merchandise* (78 cases and the 35.3% of total judgments). These problems are respectively followed by titles as *tariff and tax* (13.1%), *trading debt and credit* (10.9%), *security of the artery of commerce and accommodation* (9%) and *other disputes* (1.8%).

The commercial problems experienced in Istanbul in the 18th century related to commerce, price, assignation, transport and storage of Merchandise are mainly related to the "provide and transport of product, firewood and coal" (77 cases), "commerce" (44 cases), "distribution, division and assignation"(23 cases), "controlled price" (20 cases), and "slave trade" (3 cases). It is seen that "rescue, protection and returning to the owner of the merchandise of the wrecked ship" (65 cases), "closing with the land and anchorage statute" (7 cases) and "shipbuilding" (2 cases) problems are experienced related to maritime trade, shipping, marine accident and shipwrecked merchandise subjects. While problems of the "tax" (28 cases) and "tariff" (3 cases) are mainly experienced in tariff and tax; the trading debt and credit are generally for "debit and credit disputes between trader and third-party (8 cases), "debit and credit disputes between trader and partners" (7 cases), "debit and credit disputes between traders" (5 cases) and "debit and credit disputes between ship owner and traders" (5 cases) and the concentration about security of the artery of commerce and accommodation are on the "inn and repair-maintenance of the inn" (2 cases), "pilferage, distrain, bogus-sale of merchandise and the murder of trader" (18 cases).

In the 18th century, Istanbul provincial border split up main two hinterlands as *Surici* and *Bilad-ı Selase* (*Galata*, *Uskudar* and *Haslar*). For this reason, shape of the study in accordance with the place is around *Surici*, *Galata*, *Uskudar* and *Haslar* (Eyup) regions and the sub-districts connected with them.

It is detected that in our related study period, maximum commercial problems have been experienced in *Haslar* region (especially in the sub-district of *Midye* aforementioned in the 39.3% of total decisions). While 40.3% of the Ahkâm records is related to the *Haslar* region; 33.9% of it belongs to *Uskudar*, 14% of it belongs to *Surici* and 11.8% of it belongs to *Galata* region. It is also seen that in the analysis based on the sub-districts related to the these *Bilad-t Selase* regions, commercial problems are centered upon the sub-districts of *Marmara* (34.6%) and *Kapudagi* (26.9%) in *Galata* region, of *Sile* (44%) and

Yoros (12%) in *Uskudar* region and of Midye(39.3%), Terkos (28.1%) and Silivri (16.9%) in *Haslar* region.

When the distributions according to the subjects of commercial problems experienced in these four regions of Istanbul are analyzed, it is detected that problems of "provide and transport of product, firewood and coal" (respectly 38.7% and 46.7%) are often experienced in *Surici* and *Uskudar* township and problems of "rescue, protection and returning to the owner of the merchandise of the wrecked ship" (respectly 30.8% and 39.3%) are mainly experienced in *Galata* and *Haslar* townships.

In between the periods of 1750-1763 years, to evaluate the judgements of *Ahkâm Registers* given related to the commerce in Istanbul according to the social classes of the parties, judgement are detailed as *the askeri* and *the reaya*. In conclusion of this classification, both *the applicant* party applying for the delivering of the judgement and *the complainee* party against whom the judgement is delivered consist of *the reaya* residing in the city center. In that, while a very high rate of *applicants* applying to the central administration for the solution of problems experienced in Istanbul as 83.3% consist of *the reaya* (83.2% of whom settled in the city), 92.7% of *the complainees* are composed of *the reaya* (81.7% of whom reside in the centrum).

In the 18th century, commercial problems in Istanbul were mostly experienced among *the reaya* ones. In that, while both parties consist of *the reaya* at a very high rate like 76% of prejudgements, 15.4% of it was experienced between "*the askeri* and *the reaya*", 5.9% of it was experienced between "*the reaya* and *the askeri*" and only 0.9% of it was experienced between two *askeri*.

Also, the data about the religious characteristics of parties experiencing commercial disputes between them are obtained from the records of *Istanbul Ahkâm Registers*. For this reason, judgements in the registers are evaluated by classifying as *Muslim* and *Non-Muslim*. In conclusion of the classification, it is determined that commercial problems in Istanbul in the 18th century are mainly experienced among *Muslims*. According to the related *Ahkâm Registers*, 88.2% of judgements given related to the commercial disputes are for the *Muslim* subjects. In that, while 87.8% of *the applicants* and 71.5% of *the complainees* are *Muslims* (and are mainly *Dhimmis*). This situation supports the claim of the population of *Muslims* in Istanbul in the 18th century is more intensive than others.

On the other hand, it is seen that while *Muslim* subjects experience the problems related to the *provide and transport of product, firewood and coal* (68 cases and 35.1%), *rescue, protection and returning to the owner of the*

merchandise of the wrecked ship (59 cases and 30.4%), *commerce* (35 cases and 18%), *distribution, division and assignation* (23 cases and 11.9%) and *tax* (23 cases and 11.9%); *Non-Muslim* subjects also experience mainly the problems related to the *provide and transport of product, firewood and coal* (8 cases and 33.3%), *rescue, protection and returning to the owner of the merchandise of the wrecked ship* (5 cases and 20.8%), *commerce* (4 cases and 16.7%) and *controlled price* (3 cases and 12.5%).

In conclusion, judgements given in *Istanbul Ahkâm Registers* related to the commerce are evaluated in terms of time. For this reason, the registers belonging to the second half of the 18th century (1750-1763) are classified in accordance with the years indicated in the judgements. In conclusion of the classification, it is detected that commercial problems experienced in between 1760-1764 years is relatively high and they have gradually decreased towards 1750s. Thus, while 63.8% of the problems is experienced in between 1757-1763 years, 36.2% of it is experienced in between 1750-1756 years. Complaints related to the commercial problems in Istanbul intensified in 1760 and 1761 years.

Besides, it is detected that commercial problems were often experienced in *Surici* region in 1759, intensely in *Galata* region in 1762, often in *Uskudar* region in 1761 and intensely in *Haslar* region in between 1760-1763 years.

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