

THE GRADING OF WAQF SYSTEM IN EIGHTEENTH-CENTURY ISTANBUL IN LIGHT OF ISTANBUL AHKÂM REGISTERS

(1750-1762)

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ABSTRACT

This study, which aims to evaluate the waqf (vakıf, charitable endowments) system of Istanbul in the eighteenth-century, is based on the grading of Istanbul Ahkâm Registers in the period of 1750-1762. 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.

192 provisions of the waqf system were determined in Istanbul Ahkâm Registers in the period of January 1750-December 1762. The analysis of this Ahkâm Books (between 3-6 books), the maximum provisions were found with 3rd part (29.7%) of them. The most problems of the waqf system of Istanbul were “revenue and accounting of the waqf” (62%), “using, devolution and istibdal (exchanging) of the waqf’s place” (60.4%) and “lease of the waqf, rental procedures and tenancy” (45.8%). Moreover, the most waqf’s problems occurred in Surici (64.1%) region. Also, the most waqf system problem in Surici and Uskudar was “istibdal (exchanging)” (respectively 95 and 10 cases) and in Haslar and Galata was “intermeddling, suppression or occupancy to the waqf’s place” (respectively 13 and 4cases).

The waqf system problems of Istanbul in the eighteenth-century mostly occurred between the reaya (92.2%). Both the applicants and the complainers were intensity composed by the Muslims reaya which were dwelling in centrum. It was determined that 54.2% of this waqf’s problems occurred in the period of 1758-1762.

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İSTANBUL AHKÂM DEFTERLERİ İŞİĞİNDA 18.YÜZYILDA İSTANBUL'DAKİ VAKIF SİSTEMİNİN TASNİFİ (1750-1762)

ÖZET

18.yüzyılda İstanbul'daki vakıf sistemini değerlendirme amacındaki bu çalışma, 1750-1762 yılları arasındaki döneme ait İstanbul Ahkâm Defterleri'nin tasnifine yöneliktir. Ahkâm Defterleri'nde yer alan kayıtlardaki hükümleri tasnif edebilmek için; (a) defter numaraları, (b) başvuru yerleri, (c) ihtilaf konuları, (d) ihtilafın taraflarının sosyal konumları, (e) ihtilafın taraflarının dinleri ve (f) başvuru yılları, temel analiz değişkenleri olarak seçildi. Her bir hüküm, bu sistematığe göre -öncelikle kendi içlerinde ve daha sonra da genel analize tabi tutularak- incelendi.

İstanbul Ahkâm Defterleri Kayıtları'nda, Ocak 1750-Aralık 1762 tarihleri arasındaki dönemde, ticaret ile ilgili olarak 192 tane hüküm tespit edildi. 3-6 arasında yer alan ilgili Ahkâm Defteri'ndeki bu hükümlerden, en fazla kaydın 3 numaralı defterde (%29,7) yer aldığı görüldü. İstanbul'daki vakıf sistemde yaşanan sorunların, yoğunluklu olarak “vakfın gelirleri ve muhasebesi” (%62), “vakıf yerinin tasarrufu, intikali ve istibdali” (%60,4) ve “vakıf yerinin kiralanması, kiralanma usulleri ve kiracılık” (%45,8) konularıyla ilgili oldukları belirlendi. Bununla birlikte vakıflarla ilgili en fazla sorunun, Suriçi (%64,1) bölgesinde oluştuğu görüldü. Yine, Suriçi ile Üsküdar bölgelerinde genellikle “istibdal” (sırasıyla 95 ve 10 karar) ve Haslar ile Galata bölgelerinde yoğunlukla “vakfın yerine müdahale, yeri zaptetme veya işgal etme” (sırasıyla 13 ve 4 karar) konularına ilişkin sorunların yaşandığı tespit edildi.

18.yüzyılda İstanbul vakıf sistemindeki sorunların, çoğunlukla yönetilenler (reaya) arasında yaşandığı (%92,2) görüldü. Hem müracaat eden ve hem de şikayet edilen taraflar, çoğunlukla şehir merkezinde yaşayan Müslüman yönetilen reayadan müteşekkildi. İncelenen dönemdeki sorunların %54,2'sinin, 1758-1762 yılları arasındaki dönemde yaşandığı belirlendi.

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

I. INTRODUCTION

In this archival research that we strive to depict the waqf system in Istanbul in the eighteenth-century, our basic research field is *Istanbul Ahkâm (Judgements, Verdicts) Registers*.

The waqf (*vakıf*) is a voluntary, permanent, irrevocable dedication of a portion of ones wealth -in cash or kind (such as a house)- to Allah. A waqf was under the context of sadaqâh and zakât, an indispensable religious endowment in Islamic law, generally donating a building of land or even cash for Muslim religious and charitable intents. It was an established legal and social institution

of traditional Islamic society. The aim of this should be pious and charitable, so the donated assets were held by a charitable trust.

The waqfs were the largest economic, religious and social institutions holding large agricultural lands and various revenue-yielding real estates, managing extensive budgets and providing social, educational and religious services. At this point, it is clear that, the waqf combined two types of activities: it financed the foundation of pious charitable projects and it acted also as an economic enterprise.

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-ı 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 waqf system in Istanbul in the eighteenth-century, *Istanbul Ahkâm Registers* of the period have been classified in this study.

To analyze waqf’s problems experienced in Istanbul between the 1750 and 1762, *Istanbul Ahkâm Registers* transcribed by the team created in the editorship of KAL’A¹ were examined and 192 decisions considered to be related to waqf system 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

¹ Ahmet TABAKOĞLU, Ahmet KAL’A, Salih AYNURAL, İsmail KARA ve Eyüp Sabri KAL’A, *İstanbul Ahkâm Defterleri İstanbul Vakıf Tarihi 1*, Corpus of Istanbul V, Istanbul Research Center, Istanbul Metropolitan Municipality Publications, İstanbul, ss. 133-342, 1998.

numbers. Problems related to waqf system 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 nineteenth-century, Istanbul (Dersaadet) city is divided into regions as; (a) the *Surici* (Istanbul city center) and (b) *Bilad-ı 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 sub-district (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 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 waqf system. Taking into consideration the waqf's structure of the period, the subjects of waqf conflicts in Istanbul are classified as follows; (i) *lease of the waqf, rental procedures and tenancy* ["lease of the waqf's place", "lease of *icareteyn* (double rent) procedure" and "tenancy of the waqf's place and leasehold place of waqf"], (ii) *using, devolution and istibdal (exchanging) of the waqf's place* ("using of the waqf's place", "devolution of chattels to the waqf" and "*istibdal* (exchanging)", (iii) *revenue and accounting of the waqf* ["rental income of the waqf (*icare-i muaccele* 'advance wage' and *icare-i müeccele* 'annual wage')", "*muqâtaa* income of the waqf" and "accounting of the waqf"], (iv) *management, inspection, employee of the waqf and wages* ["*tevliyet* (bare trustee)", "waqf staff and intermeddling to the staff" and "wage of waqf staff"], (v) *cash waqfs and evlatlık (made to last) waqfs* ("cash waqfs" and "*evlatlık* (family waqfs, made to last) waqfs"), (vi) *intermeddling to the waqf and intermeddling of the waqf* ("intermeddling, suppression and occupancy to the waqf's place", "intermeddling to the waqf's place by heir, trustee etc." and "repair and overhaul of the waqf or the tenant") and (vii) *other issues*. In this context, in order to determine the waqf's 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 waqf's 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 (a) applier/complainant party (in other words, the one having problem with the judgement given, the plaintiff), "*applicant*" and (b) 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 eighteenth-century, judgements covering the period between the dates of January 1750-December 1762 of decisions made in registers related to waqf system in Istanbul, were included in the classification.

To sum up, the time of this study will be identified as the eighteenth-century, the center of study is Istanbul, the main area of study is waqf system, and focus point of the study is *Istanbul Ahkâm Registers*.

II. ANALYSIS OF WAQF SYSTEM IN ISTANBUL BY THE EIGHTEENTH-CENTURY *ISTANBUL AHKÂM REGISTERS* (1750-1762)

To be able to depict the waqf system in Istanbul in eighteenth-century, *Ahkâm Registers* of the period were analyzed. In the registers examined, 192 cases were found to be made as regards to waqf system in Istanbul in that period. According to the data obtained from these records between the dates of

January 1750 - December 1762, the waqf system 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

A. Grading of Waqf system in Istanbul by their Book Numbers in *Istanbul Ahkâm Registers of Eighteenth-Century*

Judgements given about the waqf system in Istanbul in the period between the years 1750-1762, take place in books numbered between 3-6 of *Ahkâm Registers*.³

Table 1. Grading of the Waqf Problems in Istanbul in the Eighteenth-Century by *Istanbul Ahkâm Registers*

	REGISTRY (BOOK) NUMBER				TOTAL
	3	4	5	6	
CASES	57	49	38	48	192
PERCENTAGE	29.7%	25.5%	19.8%	25%	%100

As shown in Table 1, when the distribution of decisions in the registers made regarding Istanbul waqf system in that period is examined, it will be seen that most of the decisions takes place in the book numbered 3 (29.7%)⁴. Decisions within the scope of our study are take place in all books equally⁵.

² The classification made for each *Ahkâm Register* can be exemplified as: [Başbakanlık Osmanlı Arşivi (BOA, Office of the Prime Minister Ottoman Archives), Bab-1 Asafi Divan-1 Hümayun Sicilleri İstanbul Ahkâm Defteri (A. DVNS. AHK. İS. d.) 5, c. 272, p. 86, June 1759]

ISTANBUL AHKÂM REGISTERS			CONFLICT ISSUES	REGION	SOCIAL POSITIONS OF THE PARTIES		THE MUTUAL RELIGIONS OF THE PARTIES		YEAR
Book Number	Page Number	Case Number			APPLICANT	COMPLAINEE	APPLICANT	COMPLAINEE	
5	86	272	Tevliyet	Suriçi	Reaya (Urbanite)	Askeri (Urbanite)	Muslim	Muslim	June 1759

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

⁴ In 3rd book: BOA 3/74, BOA 3/89, BOA 3/118, BOA 3/198, BOA 3/303, BOA 3/410, BOA 3/527, BOA 3/538, BOA 3/559, BOA 3/565, BOA 3/574, BOA 3/618, BOA 3/619,

192 cases about Istanbul waqf system, can also be elaborated according to our study period, the years between 1757 - 1760.

Table 2. Distribution of *Istanbul Ahkâm Registers* Related to Istanbul Waqf System in Eighteenth-Century By Years (1750-1762)

YEAR	REGISTRY (BOOK) NUMBER				TOTAL
	3	4	5	6	
1750-1752	13	-	-	-	13
1753-1755	44	4	-	-	48
1756-1758	-	45	3	-	48
1759-1762	-	-	35	48	83
TOTAL	57	49	38	48	192

As seen in Table 2, the problems experienced in the waqf system of Istanbul in that period have usually been concentrated in between 1759 and 1762 (in 6th book). Towards the middle of the century, the reduction in decisions has

BOA 3/761, BOA 3/786, BOA 3/799, BOA 3/802, BOA 3/819, BOA 3/833, BOA 3/837, BOA 3/842, BOA 3/847, BOA 3/853, BOA 3/891, BOA 3/893, BOA 3/907, BOA 3/918, BOA 3/919, BOA 3/924, BOA 3/935, BOA 3/936, BOA 3/938, BOA 3/954, BOA 3/988, BOA 3/989, BOA 3/1007, BOA 3/1019, BOA 3/1021, BOA 3/1057, BOA 3/1058, BOA 3/1067, BOA 3/1075, BOA 3/1118, BOA 3/1138, BOA 3/1154, BOA 3/1167, BOA 3/1174, BOA 3/1190, BOA 3/1193, BOA 3/1234, BOA 3/1238, BOA 3/1249, BOA 3/1252, BOA 3/1295, BOA 3/1296, BOA 3/1306 and BOA 3/1377.

⁵ In 4th book: BOA 4/87, BOA 4/107, BOA 4/118, BOA 4/135, BOA 4/151, BOA 4/167, BOA 4/168, BOA 4/173, BOA 4/194, BOA 4/208, BOA 4/216, BOA 4/252, BOA 4/310, BOA 4/336, BOA 4/350, BOA 4/363, BOA 4/431, BOA 4/440, BOA 4/442, BOA 4/492, BOA 4/526, BOA 4/575, BOA 4/591, BOA 4/641, BOA 4/657, BOA 4/661, BOA 4/664, BOA 4/674, BOA 4/689, BOA 4/725, BOA 4/736, BOA 4/754, BOA 4/786, BOA 4/791, BOA 4/803, BOA 4/814, BOA 4/843, BOA 4/844, BOA 4/862, BOA 4/885, BOA 4/918, BOA 4/931, BOA 4/948, BOA 4/968, BOA 4/981, BOA 4/991, BOA 4/1003, BOA 4/1023 and BOA 4/1031. In 5th book: BOA 5/3, BOA 5/12, BOA 5/119, BOA 5/133, BOA 5/157, BOA 5/202, BOA 5/203, BOA 5/228, BOA 5/239, BOA 5/254, BOA 5/272, BOA 5/275, BOA 5/343, BOA 5/365, BOA 5/409, BOA 5/497, BOA 5/500, BOA 5/509, BOA 5/515, BOA 5/539, BOA 5/561, BOA 5/562, BOA 5/573, BOA 5/579, BOA 5/586, BOA 5/647, BOA 5/783, BOA 5/785, BOA 5/806, BOA 5/822, BOA 5/848, BOA 5/894, BOA 5/918, BOA 5/956, BOA 5/966, BOA 5/993, BOA 5/1006 and BOA 5/1008. In 6th book: BOA 6/12, BOA 6/55, BOA 6/87, BOA 6/118, BOA 6/124, BOA 6/125, BOA 6/129, BOA 6/164, BOA 6/183, BOA 6/185, BOA 6/187, BOA 6/226, BOA 6/234, BOA 6/247, BOA 6/259, BOA 6/261, BOA 6/313, BOA 6/317, BOA 6/329, BOA 6/332, BOA 6/334, BOA 6/339, BOA 6/356, BOA 6/359, BOA 6/387, BOA 6/388, BOA 6/389, BOA 6/402, BOA 6/420, BOA 6/422, BOA 6/426, BOA 6/437, BOA 6/442, BOA 6/443, BOA 6/445, BOA 6/464, BOA 6/469, BOA 6/485, BOA 6/495, BOA 6/515, BOA 6/530, BOA 6/533, BOA 6/539, BOA 6/572, BOA 6/578, BOA 6/588, BOA 6/592 and BOA 6/598.

been noticed. Indeed, only 31.8% of the total decisions covers the years 1750 and 1755.

B. Grading of Waqf Problems Encountered in Istanbul in the Eighteenth-Century by Townships and Sub-districts

While the decisions made by *Divan-ı Humayun* are saved to the *Ahkâm Registers*, the related place of judgements is explained according to the sub-districts. 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-ı Selase* townships of that period. In this context, in which hinterland (*Surici* and *Bilad-ı Selase*) the sub-districts described in each book record are situated, has been determined and in this way, the data related to the place where judgements are made is compiled⁶.

Table 3. Places in Istanbul where Waqf Problems Experienced in the Eighteenth-Century

	REGION				TOTAL
	SURICI	GALATA	USKUDAR	HASLAR	
CASES	123	9	37	23	192
PERCENTAGE	64.1%	4.7%	19.3%	12%	100%

As classified in Table 3, in book records, for *Surici* 123⁷, for *Galata* 9⁸, for *Uskudar* 37⁹ and for *Haslar* with the largest land border 23¹⁰ cases related to

⁶ 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.

⁷ BOA 3/74, BOA 3/89, BOA 3/118, BOA 3/198, BOA 3/410, BOA 3/538, BOA 3/565, BOA 3/618, BOA 3/619, BOA 3/761, BOA 3/799, BOA 3/802, BOA 3/819, BOA 3/833, BOA 3/837, BOA 3/847, BOA 3/853, BOA 3/891, BOA 3/893, BOA 3/907, BOA 3/924, BOA 3/935, BOA 3/936, BOA 3/938, BOA 3/954, BOA 3/989, BOA 3/1019, BOA 3/1021, BOA 3/1067, BOA 3/1118, BOA 3/1154, BOA 3/1167, BOA 3/1190, BOA 3/1193, BOA 3/1234, BOA 3/1238, BOA 3/1249, BOA 3/1252, BOA 3/1296, BOA 3/1306, BOA 4/107, BOA 4/118, BOA 4/151, BOA 4/168, BOA 4/350, BOA 4/431, BOA 4/442, BOA 4/492, BOA 4/526, BOA 4/591, BOA 4/641, BOA 4/661, BOA 4/664, BOA 4/674, BOA 4/689, BOA 4/754, BOA 4/791, BOA 4/843, BOA 4/844, BOA 4/862, BOA 4/885, BOA 4/968, BOA 5/12, BOA 5/157, BOA 5/202, BOA 5/203, BOA 5/228, BOA 5/272, BOA 5/275, BOA 5/343, BOA 5/365, BOA 5/409, BOA 5/497, BOA 5/500, BOA 5/509, BOA 5/515, BOA 5/561, BOA 5/562, BOA 5/579, BOA 5/647, BOA 5/785, BOA 5/822, BOA 5/894, BOA 5/918, BOA 5/966, BOA 5/1008, BOA 6/12, BOA 6/87, BOA

waqf system were found. At this point, it is determined that waqf's problems in Istanbul have occurred mostly in the *Surici* (64.1%) 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.

Table 4. Distribution of Judgements Given Related to Waqf System in Galata District by Their Sub-districts

GALATA					
TOWNSHIP	CASES	PERCENTAGE	TOWNSHIP	CASES	PERCENTAGE
BANDIRMA	1	11.1%	MARMARA	-	-
ERDEK	-	-	KAPUDAGI	3	33.3%
UNKNOWN	5	55.6%	TOTAL	9	100%

The concentration of judgements in *Galata* district boundaries by the township is indicated in Table 4. *Galata* region in Istanbul in the eighteenth-century is divided into sub-district as; *Bandirma*, *Beyoglu*, *Corlu*, *Erdek*, *Istinye*, *Kapudagi*, *Marmara*, *Mudanya*, *Mahmutpaşa*, *Kasimpasa*, *Pinarhisar*, *Erdek*, *Gemlik* and *Yenikoy*. 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 *Kapudagi* (33.3%)¹¹ and *Bandirma* (11.1%)¹² townships¹³.

6/118, BOA 6/124, BOA 6/125, BOA 6/129, BOA 6/164, BOA 6/183, BOA 6/185, BOA 6/187, BOA 6/226, BOA 6/234, BOA 6/261, BOA 6/313, BOA 6/329, BOA 6/332, BOA 6/334, BOA 6/339, BOA 6/356, BOA 6/359, BOA 6/387, BOA 6/388, BOA 6/389, BOA 6/420, BOA 6/426, BOA 6/437, BOA 6/442, BOA 6/443, BOA 6/485, BOA 6/495, BOA 6/515, BOA 6/533, BOA 6/539, BOA 6/572, BOA 6/578, BOA 6/588 and BOA 6/598.

⁸ BOA 3/842, BOA 3/988, BOA 3/1007, BOA 3/1174, BOA 4/87, BOA 4/931, BOA 5/993, BOA 6/55 and BOA 6/247.

⁹ BOA 3/527, BOA 3/574, BOA 3/786, BOA 3/918, BOA 3/919, BOA 3/1057, BOA 3/1058, BOA 3/1075, BOA 3/1295, BOA 3/1377, BOA 4/167, BOA 4/216, BOA 4/310, BOA 4/575, BOA 4/736, BOA 4/786, BOA 4/814, BOA 4/918, BOA 4/948, BOA 4/981, BOA 4/991, BOA 4/1003, BOA 4/1023, BOA 5/133, BOA 5/239, BOA 5/254, BOA 5/539, BOA 5/573, BOA 5/783, BOA 5/956, BOA 5/1006, BOA 6/317, BOA 6/402, BOA 6/445, BOA 6/464, BOA 6/469 and BOA 6/592.

¹⁰ BOA 3/303, BOA 3/559, BOA 3/1138, BOA 4/135, BOA 4/173, BOA 4/194, BOA 4/208, BOA 4/252, BOA 4/336, BOA 4/363, BOA 4/440, BOA 4/657, BOA 4/725, BOA 4/803, BOA 4/1031, BOA 5/3, BOA 5/119, BOA 5/586, BOA 5/806, BOA 5/848, BOA 6/259, BOA 6/422 and BOA 6/530.

¹¹ BOA 3/1174, BOA 4/87 and BOA 5/993.

¹² BOA 6/55.

Uskudar, another *Bilad-ı Selase* district, is composed of; *Adalar*¹⁴, *Agacli*, *Begkoz*, *Gekbuze*, *Geyve*, *Kandiri*, *Karamursel*¹⁵, *Kartal*¹⁶, *Kaymas*, *Kocaili*, *Samandıra*, *Seyhler*, *Sile*¹⁷, *Taskopri*¹⁸, *Tekfurdag*, *Tuzla*, *Yalakabad* and *Yoros* townships in the eighteenth-century.

Table 5. Distribution of Judgements Given Related to Waqf System in *Uskudar* District by Their Sub-districts

USKUDAR					
TOWNSHIP	CASES	PERCENTAGE	TOWNSHIP	CASES	PERCENTAGE
ADALAR	2	5.4%	SEYHLER	-	-
GEKBUZE	10	27%	SILE	3	8.1%
KANDIRI	4	10.8%	TASKOPRI	1	2.7%
KARAMURSEL	1	2.7%	YALAKABAD	-	-
KARTAL	2	5.4%	YOROS	4	10.8%
UNKNOWN	10	27%	TOTAL	37	100%

As can be seen in Table 5, those who have problems in *Uskudar* district reside mostly in *Gekbuze* (10 cases and 27%)¹⁹, *Kandiri* (4 cases and 10.8%)²⁰ and *Yoros* (4 cases and 10.8%)²¹ sub-districts²².

The hinterland of the *Haslar* district in Istanbul in eighteenth-century includes; *Burgos*, *Catalca*²³, *Cekmece-i Kebir*, *Cekmece-i Sagir*, *Edirne*²⁴, *Eregli*, *Haskoy*, *Istiranca*, *Midye*, *Ruskasri*, *Silivri*²⁵ and *Terkos* townships.

¹³ The unknown sub-districts of *Galata*: BOA 3/842, BOA 3/988, BOA 3/1007, BOA 4/931 and BOA 6/247.

¹⁴ BOA 3/1075 and BOA 4/786.

¹⁵ BOA 5/539.

¹⁶ BOA 4/1023 and BOA 5/239.

¹⁷ BOA 3/918, BOA 3/919 and BOA 5/956.

¹⁸ BOA 5/573.

¹⁹ BOA 3/527, BOA 4/918, BOA 4/948, BOA 4/981, BOA 4/1003, BOA 5/254, BOA 5/1006, BOA 6/464, BOA 6/469 and BOA 6/592.

²⁰ BOA 3/786, BOA 3/1295, BOA 3/1377 and BOA 4/167.

²¹ BOA 3/1057, BOA 3/1058, BOA 4/216 and BOA 6/445.

²² The unknown sub-districts of *Uskudar*: BOA 3/574, BOA 4/310, BOA 4/575, BOA 4/736, BOA 4/814, BOA 4/991, BOA 5/133, BOA 5/783, BOA 6/317 and BOA 6/402.

²³ BOA 3/1138, BOA 4/336, BOA 5/806 and BOA 6/422.

²⁴ BOA 4/208 and BOA 5/3.

²⁵ BOA 4/1031, BOA 5/586 and BOA 5/848.

Table 6. Ahkâm Judgements Given Related to the Waqf System in *Haslar* Region and The Distribution of Them in Accordance with Their Sub-districts

HASLAR (EYUP)					
TOWNSHIP	CASES	PERCENTAGE	TOWNSHIP	CASES	PERCENTAGE
CATALCA	4	17.4%	MIDYE	-	-
CEKMECE-IKEBIR	-	-	SILIVRI	3	13%
EDIRNE	2	8.7%	TERKOS	10	43.5%
UNKNOWN	4	17.4%	TOTAL	23	100%

It is determined that a very high percentage of problems as 43.5% of *Haslar* region -having the largest borders within the townships of Istanbul- has been lived in the sub-district of *Terkos* (10 cases)²⁶ as classified with the Table 6²⁷.

In the eighteenth-century, another research field is that at which times waqf's problems experienced in these four main regions of Istanbul are seen. The waqf's problems in *Surici*, *Galata*, *Uskudar* and *Haslar* regions are classified based on this thought system according to 1750-1762 years which were also the years of the research period of the study.

Table 7. The Distribution of the Places in which Waqf Problems were Experienced in the Eighteenth-Century in Accordance with Years

YEAR	REGION			
	SURICI	GALATA	USKUDAR	HASLAR
1750-1752	9	-	2	2
1753-1755	33	5	8	2
1756-1758	21	1	13	13
1759-1762	60	3	14	6

As indicated in the Table 7, it is detected when places in which waqf problems of Istanbul were experienced are examined that waqf's problems were often experienced in *Surici* region in 1759-1762 years (60 cases), intensely in *Galata* region in 1753-1755 (5 cases), often in *Uskudar* region in also 1759-

²⁶ BOA 3/559, BOA 4/135, BOA 4/194, BOA 4/252, BOA 4/363, BOA 4/440, BOA 4/657, BOA 4/725, BOA 4/803 and BOA 5/119.

²⁷ The unknown sub-districts of *Haslar*: BOA 3/303, BOA 4/173, BOA 6/259 and BOA 6/530.

1762 (14 cases) years and intensely in *Haslar* region in 1756-1758 (13 cases) years.

C. Grading of the Waqf Problems in Istanbul in the Eighteenth-Century by Topics

To find out what are the problems experienced in Istanbul waqfs in the period between 1750-1762, each *Ahkâm Register* has been classified by six general topics we have identified as the main waqf's problems.

The waqf's problems experienced in Istanbul in the eighteenth-century can be held as (i) *lease of the waqf, rental procedures and tenancy*, (ii) *using, devolution and istibdal (exchanging) of the waqf's place*, (iii) *revenue and accounting of the waqf*, (iv) *management, inspection, employee of the waqf and wages*, (v) *cash waqfs and evlatlık (made to last) waqfs*, (vi) *intermeddling to the waqf and intermeddling of the waqf* and (vii) *other issues*.

Table 8. Waqf Problems Encountered in Istanbul in the Eighteenth-Century

CONFLICT ISSUES	CASES	PERCENTAGE
A. LEASE OF THE WAQF, RENTAL PROCEDURES AND TENANCY	88	45.8%
B. USING, DEVOLUTION AND ISTIBDAL (EXCHANGING) OF THE WAQF'S PLACE	116	60.4%
C. REVENUE AND ACCOUNTING OF THE WAQF	119	62%
D. MANAGEMENT, INSPECTION, EMPLOYEE OF THE WAQF AND WAGES	32	16.7%
E. CASH WAQFS AND EVLATLIK (MADE TO LAST) WAQFS	12	6.2%
F. INTERMEDDLING TO THE WAQF AND INTERMEDDLING OF THE WAQF	37	19.3%
G. OTHER ISSUES	3	1.6%

As a result of classification of book records by these conflict issues and elaborated in table 8; the problems of waqf system in Istanbul in that period have been determined to be related to *revenue and accounting of the waqf* (62%)²⁸ and *using, devolution and istibdal (exchanging) of the waqf's place*

²⁸ BOA 3/74, BOA 3/89, BOA 3/118, BOA 3/198, BOA 3/303, BOA 3/410, BOA 3/527, BOA 3/538, BOA 3/559, BOA 3/565, BOA 3/618, BOA 3/619, BOA 3/761, BOA 3/799, BOA 3/802, BOA 3/819, BOA 3/842, BOA 3/847, BOA 3/853, BOA 3/893, BOA 3/907, BOA 3/924, BOA 3/935, BOA 3/936, BOA 3/938, BOA 3/954, BOA 3/988, BOA 3/989, BOA 3/1007, BOA 3/1019, BOA 3/1021, BOA 3/1193, BOA 4/107, BOA 4/118, BOA

(60.4%)²⁹ topics generally. While these problems are followed by *lease of the waqf, rental procedures and tenancy* (45.8%)³⁰, *intermeddling to the waqf and intermeddling of the waqf* (19.3%)³¹ and *management, inspection, employee of*

4/135, BOA 4/151, BOA 4/168, BOA 4/173, BOA 4/216, BOA 4/350, BOA 4/431, BOA 4/440, BOA 4/442, BOA 4/492, BOA 4/526, BOA 4/641, BOA 4/657, BOA 4/661, BOA 4/664, BOA 4/674, BOA 4/689, BOA 4/725, BOA 4/736, BOA 4/754, BOA 4/791, BOA 4/843, BOA 4/844, BOA 4/885, BOA 4/991, BOA 4/1023, BOA 5/3, BOA 5/133, BOA 5/157, BOA 5/202, BOA 5/203, BOA 5/228, BOA 5/254, BOA 5/275, BOA 5/343, BOA 5/365, BOA 5/409, BOA 5/497, BOA 5/500, BOA 5/515, BOA 5/562, BOA 5/579, BOA 5/647, BOA 5/785, BOA 5/822, BOA 5/918, BOA 5/1008, BOA 6/12, BOA 6/87, BOA 6/118, BOA 6/124, BOA 6/125, BOA 6/164, BOA 6/183, BOA 6/185, BOA 6/187, BOA 6/226, BOA 6/234, BOA 6/317, BOA 6/329, BOA 6/332, BOA 6/334, BOA 6/339, BOA 6/356, BOA 6/359, BOA 6/388, BOA 6/389, BOA 6/420, BOA 6/422, BOA 6/437, BOA 6/443, BOA 6/445, BOA 6/464, BOA 6/469, BOA 6/485, BOA 6/495, BOA 6/515, BOA 6/530, BOA 6/533, BOA 6/539, BOA 6/572, BOA 6/578, BOA 6/588, BOA 6/592 and BOA 6/598.

²⁹ BOA 3/89, BOA 3/118, BOA 3/198, BOA 3/410, BOA 3/559, BOA 3/565, BOA 3/574, BOA 3/618, BOA 3/619, BOA 3/799, BOA 3/802, BOA 3/819, BOA 3/833, BOA 3/837, BOA 3/842, BOA 3/847, BOA 3/853, BOA 3/891, BOA 3/893, BOA 3/907, BOA 3/924, BOA 3/935, BOA 3/936, BOA 3/938, BOA 3/954, BOA 3/988, BOA 3/989, BOA 3/1007, BOA 3/1019, BOA 3/1021, BOA 3/1057, BOA 3/1058, BOA 3/1067, BOA 3/1118, BOA 3/1154, BOA 3/1167, BOA 3/1190, BOA 3/1193, BOA 3/1296, BOA 4/107, BOA 4/118, BOA 4/135, BOA 4/168, BOA 4/173, BOA 4/216, BOA 4/350, BOA 4/431, BOA 4/440, BOA 4/442, BOA 4/526, BOA 4/641, BOA 4/664, BOA 4/674, BOA 4/689, BOA 4/736, BOA 4/754, BOA 4/786, BOA 4/791, BOA 4/843, BOA 4/844, BOA 4/862, BOA 4/1031, BOA 5/12, BOA 5/133, BOA 5/157, BOA 5/202, BOA 5/203, BOA 5/228, BOA 5/343, BOA 5/365, BOA 5/409, BOA 5/497, BOA 5/500, BOA 5/509, BOA 5/515, BOA 5/539, BOA 5/783, BOA 5/785, BOA 5/822, BOA 5/918, BOA 5/1008, BOA 6/87, BOA 6/118, BOA 6/124, BOA 6/125, BOA 6/129, BOA 6/164, BOA 6/183, BOA 6/187, BOA 6/226, BOA 6/261, BOA 6/313, BOA 6/317, BOA 6/329, BOA 6/332, BOA 6/334, BOA 6/339, BOA 6/356, BOA 6/359, BOA 6/388, BOA 6/389, BOA 6/420, BOA 6/426, BOA 6/442, BOA 6/443, BOA 6/445, BOA 6/485, BOA 6/495, BOA 6/515, BOA 6/530, BOA 6/533, BOA 6/539, BOA 6/572, BOA 6/578, BOA 6/588 and BOA 6/598.

³⁰ BOA 3/74, BOA 3/89, BOA 3/198, BOA 3/303, BOA 3/410, BOA 3/527, BOA 3/565, BOA 3/618, BOA 3/619, BOA 3/799, BOA 3/802, BOA 3/819, BOA 3/842, BOA 3/847, BOA 3/853, BOA 3/891, BOA 3/935, BOA 3/938, BOA 3/988, BOA 3/989, BOA 3/1019, BOA 3/1021, BOA 3/1067, BOA 3/1075, BOA 3/1118, BOA 3/1154, BOA 3/1167, BOA 3/1190, BOA 3/1193, BOA 3/1296, BOA 4/107, BOA 4/151, BOA 4/168, BOA 4/173, BOA 4/216, BOA 4/431, BOA 4/442, BOA 4/492, BOA 4/641, BOA 4/754, BOA 4/843, BOA 4/844, BOA 4/885, BOA 4/991, BOA 4/1023, BOA 5/3, BOA 5/133, BOA 5/157, BOA 5/202, BOA 5/203, BOA 5/228, BOA 5/343, BOA 5/365, BOA 5/409, BOA 5/497, BOA 5/500, BOA 5/515, BOA 5/579, BOA 5/822, BOA 5/848, BOA 5/918, BOA 5/1008, BOA 6/124, BOA 6/185, BOA 6/187, BOA 6/226, BOA 6/329, BOA 6/332, BOA 6/334, BOA 6/356, BOA 6/359, BOA 6/388, BOA 6/389, BOA 6/420, BOA 6/422, BOA 6/443, BOA 6/445, BOA 6/464, BOA 6/485, BOA 6/495, BOA 6/515, BOA 6/533, BOA 6/539, BOA 6/572, BOA 6/578, BOA 6/588, BOA 6/592 and BOA 6/598.

³¹ BOA 3/761, BOA 3/1075, BOA 3/1138, BOA 3/1174, BOA 3/1238, BOA 3/1295, BOA 3/1377, BOA 4/87, BOA 4/135, BOA 4/151, BOA 4/167, BOA 4/194, BOA 4/208, BOA

the waqf and wages (16.7%)³² respectively, it has been noticed that the problems as *cash waqfs and evlatlık (made to last) waqfs* (6.2%)³³ and *other disputes* (1.6%)³⁴ in Istanbul in that period are relatively few.

These fundamental problems can be elaborated as follows; “lease of the waqf’s place”³⁵, “lease of icareteyn (double rent) procedure”³⁶, “tenancy of the waqf’s place and leasehold place of waqf”³⁷, “using of the waqf’s place”³⁸,

4/252, BOA 4/336, BOA 4/363, BOA 4/657, BOA 4/948, BOA 4/968, BOA 4/981, BOA 4/991, BOA 4/1003, BOA 5/119, BOA 5/539, BOA 5/562, BOA 5/573, BOA 5/586, BOA 5/806, BOA 5/848, BOA 5/993, BOA 5/1006, BOA 6/55, BOA 6/247, BOA 6/402, BOA 6/422, BOA 6/437 and BOA 6/530.

³² BOA 3/538, BOA 3/559, BOA 3/786, BOA 3/918, BOA 3/919, BOA 3/1234, BOA 3/1238, BOA 3/1249, BOA 3/1252, BOA 3/1306, BOA 4/208, BOA 4/310, BOA 4/575, BOA 4/591, BOA 4/725, BOA 4/803, BOA 4/814, BOA 4/885, BOA 4/918, BOA 4/931, BOA 5/239, BOA 5/272, BOA 5/562, BOA 5/806, BOA 5/956, BOA 5/966, BOA 5/993, BOA 6/12, BOA 6/55, BOA 6/387, BOA 6/402 and BOA 6/469.

³³ BOA 3/559, BOA 3/1138, BOA 3/1174, BOA 3/1306, BOA 4/208, BOA 4/310, BOA 4/440, BOA 4/657, BOA 4/725, BOA 5/562, BOA 5/806 and BOA 5/1006.

³⁴ BOA 5/561, BOA 5/894 and BOA 6/259.

³⁵ BOA 3/303, BOA 3/527, BOA 3/1075, BOA 4/151, BOA 4/885, BOA 4/991, BOA 4/1023, BOA 5/848 and BOA 6/185.

³⁶ BOA 3/74, BOA 3/89, BOA 3/198, BOA 3/565, BOA 3/619, BOA 3/819, BOA 3/842, BOA 3/847, BOA 3/938, BOA 3/988, BOA 3/1019, BOA 3/1021, BOA 3/1067, BOA 3/1118, BOA 3/1154, BOA 3/1167, BOA 3/1190, BOA 3/1193, BOA 4/107, BOA 4/168, BOA 4/216, BOA 4/431, BOA 4/641, BOA 4/754, BOA 4/843, BOA 4/844, BOA 4/991, BOA 4/1023, BOA 5/133, BOA 5/157, BOA 5/202, BOA 5/203, BOA 5/228, BOA 5/343, BOA 5/365, BOA 5/497, BOA 5/500, BOA 5/515, BOA 5/579, BOA 5/918, BOA 6/185, BOA 6/187, BOA 6/329, BOA 6/332, BOA 6/334, BOA 6/359, BOA 6/388, BOA 6/389, BOA 6/420, BOA 6/443, BOA 6/445, BOA 6/495, BOA 6/533, BOA 6/539 and BOA 6/598.

³⁷ BOA 3/74, BOA 3/89, BOA 3/198, BOA 3/410, BOA 3/565, BOA 3/618, BOA 3/619, BOA 3/799, BOA 3/802, BOA 3/819, BOA 3/842, BOA 3/847, BOA 3/853, BOA 3/891, BOA 3/935, BOA 3/938, BOA 3/988, BOA 3/989, BOA 3/1019, BOA 3/1021, BOA 3/1067, BOA 3/1118, BOA 3/1154, BOA 3/1167, BOA 3/1190, BOA 3/1193, BOA 3/1296, BOA 4/107, BOA 4/168, BOA 4/173, BOA 4/216, BOA 4/431, BOA 4/442, BOA 4/492, BOA 4/641, BOA 4/754, BOA 4/843, BOA 4/844, BOA 5/3, BOA 5/157, BOA 5/202, BOA 5/203, BOA 5/228, BOA 5/343, BOA 5/365, BOA 5/409, BOA 5/497, BOA 5/500, BOA 5/515, BOA 5/579, BOA 5/822, BOA 5/918, BOA 5/1008, BOA 6/124, BOA 6/187, BOA 6/226, BOA 6/329, BOA 6/332, BOA 6/334, BOA 6/356, BOA 6/388, BOA 6/389, BOA 6/420, BOA 6/422, BOA 6/443, BOA 6/445, BOA 6/464, BOA 6/485, BOA 6/495, BOA 6/515, BOA 6/533, BOA 6/539, BOA 6/572, BOA 6/578, BOA 6/588, BOA 6/592 and BOA 6/598.

³⁸ BOA 3/559, BOA 3/833, BOA 3/837, BOA 3/893, BOA 3/907, BOA 3/924, BOA 3/936, BOA 3/938, BOA 3/954, BOA 3/1007, BOA 4/118, BOA 4/135, BOA 4/350, BOA 4/440, BOA 4/526, BOA 4/664, BOA 4/674, BOA 4/689, BOA 4/736, BOA 4/786, BOA 4/791, BOA 5/783, BOA 5/785, BOA 6/87, BOA 6/118, BOA 6/164, BOA 6/313, BOA 6/317, BOA 6/356, BOA 6/442 and BOA 6/530.

“devolution of chattels to the waqf”³⁹, “istibdal (exchanging)”⁴⁰, “rental income of the waqf (icare-i muaccele ‘advance wage’ and icare-i müeccele ‘annual wage’)”⁴¹, “muqâtaa income of the waqf”⁴², “accounting of the waqf”⁴³, “tevliyet (bare trustee)”⁴⁴, “waqf staff and intermeddling to the staff”⁴⁵, “wage of

³⁹ BOA 4/1031 and BOA 5/12.

⁴⁰ BOA 3/89, BOA 3/118, BOA 3/198, BOA 3/410, BOA 3/565, BOA 3/574, BOA 3/618, BOA 3/619, BOA 3/799, BOA 3/802, BOA 3/819, BOA 3/833, BOA 3/837, BOA 3/842, BOA 3/847, BOA 3/853, BOA 3/891, BOA 3/893, BOA 3/907, BOA 3/924, BOA 3/935, BOA 3/936, BOA 3/938, BOA 3/954, BOA 3/988, BOA 3/989, BOA 3/1007, BOA 3/1019, BOA 3/1021, BOA 3/1057, BOA 3/1058, BOA 3/1067, BOA 3/1118, BOA 3/1154, BOA 3/1167, BOA 3/1190, BOA 3/1193, BOA 3/1296, BOA 4/107, BOA 4/118, BOA 4/168, BOA 4/173, BOA 4/216, BOA 4/350, BOA 4/431, BOA 4/442, BOA 4/526, BOA 4/641, BOA 4/664, BOA 4/674, BOA 4/689, BOA 4/736, BOA 4/754, BOA 4/791, BOA 4/843, BOA 4/844, BOA 4/862, BOA 5/133, BOA 5/157, BOA 5/202, BOA 5/203, BOA 5/228, BOA 5/343, BOA 5/365, BOA 5/409, BOA 5/497, BOA 5/500, BOA 5/509, BOA 5/515, BOA 5/539, BOA 5/783, BOA 5/785, BOA 5/822, BOA 5/918, BOA 5/1008, BOA 6/87, BOA 6/118, BOA 6/124, BOA 6/125, BOA 6/129, BOA 6/164, BOA 6/183, BOA 6/187, BOA 6/226, BOA 6/261, BOA 6/313, BOA 6/317, BOA 6/329, BOA 6/332, BOA 6/334, BOA 6/339, BOA 6/356, BOA 6/359, BOA 6/388, BOA 6/389, BOA 6/420, BOA 6/426, BOA 6/442, BOA 6/443, BOA 6/445, BOA 6/485, BOA 6/495, BOA 6/515, BOA 6/533, BOA 6/539, BOA 6/572, BOA 6/578, BOA 6/588 and BOA 6/598.

⁴¹ BOA 3/74, BOA 3/89, BOA 3/118, BOA 3/198, BOA 3/303, BOA 3/410, BOA 3/565, BOA 3/618, BOA 3/619, BOA 3/761, BOA 3/799, BOA 3/802, BOA 3/819, BOA 3/842, BOA 3/847, BOA 3/853, BOA 3/893, BOA 3/935, BOA 3/938, BOA 3/954, BOA 3/988, BOA 3/989, BOA 3/1007, BOA 3/1019, BOA 3/1021, BOA 3/1193, BOA 4/107, BOA 4/118, BOA 4/151, BOA 4/168, BOA 4/173, BOA 4/216, BOA 4/350, BOA 4/431, BOA 4/442, BOA 4/492, BOA 4/526, BOA 4/641, BOA 4/664, BOA 4/689, BOA 4/736, BOA 4/754, BOA 4/843, BOA 4/844, BOA 4/885, BOA 4/991, BOA 4/1023, BOA 5/3, BOA 5/133, BOA 5/157, BOA 5/202, BOA 5/203, BOA 5/228, BOA 5/343, BOA 5/365, BOA 5/409, BOA 5/497, BOA 5/500, BOA 5/515, BOA 5/579, BOA 5/785, BOA 5/822, BOA 5/918, BOA 5/1008, BOA 6/87, BOA 6/118, BOA 6/124, BOA 6/125, BOA 6/164, BOA 6/183, BOA 6/185, BOA 6/187, BOA 6/226, BOA 6/317, BOA 6/329, BOA 6/332, BOA 6/334, BOA 6/339, BOA 6/356, BOA 6/359, BOA 6/388, BOA 6/389, BOA 6/420, BOA 6/422, BOA 6/443, BOA 6/445, BOA 6/464, BOA 6/485, BOA 6/495, BOA 6/515, BOA 6/530, BOA 6/533, BOA 6/539, BOA 6/572, BOA 6/578, BOA 6/588, BOA 6/592 and BOA 6/598.

⁴² BOA 3/559, BOA 3/893, BOA 3/907, BOA 3/924, BOA 3/935, BOA 3/936, BOA 3/954, BOA 3/1007, BOA 4/135, BOA 4/440, BOA 4/492, BOA 4/526, BOA 4/657, BOA 4/664, BOA 4/674, BOA 4/725, BOA 4/791, BOA 4/885, BOA 5/202, BOA 5/203, BOA 6/12, BOA 6/469 and BOA 6/530.

⁴³ BOA 3/538, BOA 4/661, BOA 5/562, BOA 5/647, BOA 6/12 and BOA 6/234.

⁴⁴ BOA 3/538, BOA 3/559, BOA 3/786, BOA 3/918, BOA 3/1238, BOA 3/1249, BOA 3/1252, BOA 3/1306, BOA 4/208, BOA 4/310, BOA 4/575, BOA 4/725, BOA 4/885, BOA 4/918, BOA 5/272, BOA 5/806 and BOA 6/12.

⁴⁵ BOA 3/1234, BOA 4/310, BOA 4/575, BOA 4/725, BOA 4/803, BOA 4/814, BOA 4/931, BOA 5/239, BOA 5/966, BOA 5/993, BOA 6/55, BOA 6/387, BOA 6/402 and BOA 6/469.

waqf staff”⁴⁶, “cash waqfs”, “evlatlık (family waqfs, made to last) waqfs”⁴⁷, “intermeddling, suppression and occupancy to the waqf’s place”⁴⁸, “intermeddling to the waqf’s place by heir, trustee etc.”⁴⁹, “repair and overhaul of the waqf or the tenant”⁵⁰ and “other disputes”⁵¹.

These waqf 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.

Table 9. Distribution of Waqf Problems Experienced in Istanbul in the Eighteenth-Century, by Istanbul’s Townships and Religion of Parties

	CONFLICT ISSUES																	
	Lease of the waqf’s place	Lease of icareteyn (double rent) procedure	Tenancy of the waqf’s place and leasehold place of waqf	Using of the waqf’s place	Devolution of chattels to the waqf	Istibdal (exchanging)	Rental income of the waqf	Muqâtaa income of the waqf	Accounting of the waqf	Tevliyet (bare trustee)	Waqf staff and intermeddling to the staff	Wage of waqf staff	Cash waqfs	Evlatlık (family waqfs) waqfs	Intermeddling, suppression and occupancy to the waqf’s place	Intermeddling to the waqf’s place by heir, trustee etc.	Repair and overhaul of the waqf or the tenant	Other disputes
I. REGION	9	55	77	31	2	109	98	23	6	17	14	6	-	12	29	2	7	3
a.SURICI	3	48	68	22	1	95	81	15	6	8	3	2	-	2	2	-	4	2
b.GALATA	-	2	2	1	-	3	3	1	-	-	3	-	-	1	4	-	-	-
c.USKUDAR	4	5	4	4	-	10	9	1	-	5	6	4	-	2	10	2	2	-
d.HASLAR	2	-	3	4	1	1	5	6	-	4	2	-	-	7	13	-	1	1
II. RELIGIOUS COMPOSITION	9	55	77	31	2	109	98	23	6	17	14	6	-	12	29	2	7	3
a.MUSLIM	9	53	75	31	2	107	96	23	6	17	14	6	-	12	29	2	7	3
b.NON-MUSLIM	-	2	2	-	-	2	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

When the results of classification shown in Table 9 are evaluated, the waqf issues experienced in Istanbul as *istibdal (exchanging)* (56.8%) mainly arise in the *Surici* district and among *Muslim* citizens.

⁴⁶ BOA 3/538, BOA 3/919, BOA 5/239, BOA 5/956, BOA 6/12 and BOA 6/402.

⁴⁷ BOA 3/559, BOA 3/1138, BOA 3/1174, BOA 3/1306, BOA 4/208, BOA 4/310, BOA 4/440, BOA 4/657, BOA 4/725, BOA 5/562, BOA 5/806 and BOA 5/1006.

⁴⁸ BOA 3/1075, BOA 3/1138, BOA 3/1174, BOA 3/1238, BOA 3/1295, BOA 3/1377, BOA 4/87, BOA 4/135, BOA 4/167, BOA 4/194, BOA 4/208, BOA 4/252, BOA 4/336, BOA 4/363, BOA 4/657, BOA 4/948, BOA 4/968, BOA 4/981, BOA 4/1003, BOA 5/119, BOA 5/539, BOA 5/573, BOA 5/586, BOA 5/848, BOA 5/1006, BOA 6/55, BOA 6/247, BOA 6/422 and BOA 6/530.

⁴⁹ BOA 3/1377 and BOA 5/573.

⁵⁰ BOA 3/761, BOA 4/151, BOA 4/991, BOA 5/562, BOA 5/806, BOA 6/402 and BOA 6/437.

⁵¹ BOA 5/561, BOA 5/894 and BOA 6/259.

Indeed, in the analysis of the problems in Istanbul waqfs, carried out according to the Istanbul's townships, it has been seen that; in *Surici* township *istibdal (exchanging)* (77.2%) issue; in *Galata* township *intermeddling, suppression and occupancy to the waqf's place* (44.4%) issue, in *Uskudar* township also *istibdal (exchanging)* (27%) and *intermeddling, suppression and occupancy to the waqf's place* (27%) issues and in *Haslar* township also *intermeddling, suppression and occupancy to the waqf's place* (56.5%) issue are generally the main topics.

However, when religious distribution of these waqf's problems is analyzed; while the *Muslim* citizens usually have problems like *istibdal (exchanging)* (107 cases and 56.3%), *rental income of the waqf (icare-i muaccele 'advance wage' and icare-i müeccele 'annual wage')* (96 cases and 50.5%), *tenancy of the waqf's place and leasehold place of waqf* (75 cases and 39.5%) and *lease of icareteyn (double rent) procedure* (53 cases and 27.9%); it has been observed that *Non-Muslim* citizens also usually have problems also related to *lease of icareteyn (double rent) procedure* (2 cases and 25%), *tenancy of the waqf's place and leasehold place of waqf* (2 cases and 25%), *istibdal (exchanging)* (2 cases and 25%) and *rental income of the waqf (icare-i muaccele 'advance wage' and icare-i müeccele 'annual wage')* (2 cases and also 25%).

D. The Grading of the Waqf Problems Experienced in Istanbul in the Eighteenth-Century in Accordance with the Social Positions of Dispute Parties

The data related to the social positions of parties experiencing problems in Istanbul 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*).

Table 10. The Social Positions of the Parties of Waqf Problems Experienced in Istanbul in Eighteenth-Century

SOCIAL POSITION	SOCIAL POSITIONS OF APPLICANT		SOCIAL POSITIONS OF COMPLAINEE	
	CASES	PERCENTAGE	CASES	PERCENTAGE
I. ASKERI	8	4.2%	9	4.7%
A. Urbanite	5	62.5%	8	88.9%
B. Villager	3	37.5%	1	11.1%
II. REAYA	184	95.8%	183	95.3%
A. Urbanite	166	90.2%	163	89.1%
B. Villager	18	9.8%	20	10.9%

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, both *the applicant* party and *the complainee* party consist of the class residing in the city. A very high percentage of *applicants* as 95.8% applying to the central administration for the solution of the problems consists of *reaya* (90.2% of dwelling in centrum⁵²).⁵³ Accordingly, 95.3% of *the complainees*

⁵² BOA 3/74, BOA 3/89, BOA 3/118, BOA 3/198, BOA 3/410, BOA 3/527, BOA 3/538, BOA 3/565, BOA 3/574, BOA 3/618, BOA 3/619, BOA 3/761, BOA 3/786, BOA 3/799, BOA 3/802, BOA 3/819, BOA 3/833, BOA 3/837, BOA 3/842, BOA 3/847, BOA 3/853, BOA 3/891, BOA 3/893, BOA 3/907, BOA 3/919, BOA 3/924, BOA 3/935, BOA 3/936, BOA 3/938, BOA 3/954, BOA 3/988, BOA 3/989, BOA 3/1007, BOA 3/1019, BOA 3/1021, BOA 3/1067, BOA 3/1154, BOA 3/1167, BOA 3/1174, BOA 3/1190, BOA 3/1234, BOA 3/1238, BOA 3/1249, BOA 3/1252, BOA 3/1295, BOA 3/1296, BOA 3/1306, BOA 4/87, BOA 4/107, BOA 4/118, BOA 4/151, BOA 4/167, BOA 4/168, BOA 4/173, BOA 4/208, BOA 4/310, BOA 4/350, BOA 4/363, BOA 4/431, BOA 4/442, BOA 4/492, BOA 4/526, BOA 4/575, BOA 4/591, BOA 4/641, BOA 4/661, BOA 4/664, BOA 4/674, BOA 4/689, BOA 4/736, BOA 4/754, BOA 4/786, BOA 4/791, BOA 4/814, BOA 4/843, BOA 4/844, BOA 4/862, BOA 4/885, BOA 4/918, BOA 4/931, BOA 4/991, BOA 4/1003, BOA 4/1023, BOA 4/1031, BOA 5/3, BOA 5/12, BOA 5/133, BOA 5/157, BOA 5/202, BOA 5/203, BOA 5/228, BOA 5/239, BOA 5/254, BOA 5/272, BOA 5/275, BOA 5/343, BOA 5/365, BOA 5/409, BOA 5/497, BOA 5/500, BOA 5/509, BOA 5/515, BOA 5/539, BOA 5/561, BOA 5/562, BOA 5/579, BOA 5/586, BOA 5/647, BOA 5/783, BOA 5/785, BOA 5/806, BOA 5/822, BOA 5/848, BOA 5/894, BOA 5/918, BOA 5/956, BOA 5/966, BOA 5/993, BOA 5/1006, BOA 5/1008, BOA 6/12, BOA 6/55, BOA 6/87, BOA 6/118, BOA 6/124, BOA 6/125, BOA 6/129, BOA 6/164, BOA 6/183, BOA 6/185, BOA 6/187, BOA 6/226, BOA 6/234, BOA 6/247, BOA 6/259, BOA 6/261, BOA 6/313, BOA 6/317, BOA 6/329, BOA 6/332, BOA 6/334, BOA 6/339, BOA 6/356, BOA 6/359, BOA 6/387, BOA 6/388, BOA 6/389, BOA 6/402, BOA 6/420, BOA 6/422, BOA 6/426, BOA 6/437, BOA 6/442, BOA 6/443, BOA 6/464, BOA 6/469, BOA 6/485, BOA 6/495, BOA 6/515, BOA 6/533, BOA 6/539, BOA 6/572, BOA 6/578, BOA 6/588, BOA 6/592 and BOA 6/598.

forming the other party of the judgement composes of *reaya* (also 89.1% of dwelling in centrum⁵⁴).⁵⁵

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

⁵³ Besides, in *the applicant* part of *the askeri(urbanite)*: BOA 3/1118, BOA 3/1138, BOA 3/1193, BOA 4/194 and BOA 4/252. In *the applicant* part of *the askeri(villager)*: BOA 3/1058, BOA 3/1075 and BOA 3/1377. In *the applicant* part of *the reaya(villager)*: BOA 3/303, BOA 3/559, BOA 3/918, BOA 3/1057, BOA 4/135, BOA 4/216, BOA 4/336, BOA 4/440, BOA 4/657, BOA 4/725, BOA 4/803, BOA 4/948, BOA 4/968, BOA 4/981, BOA 5/119, BOA 5/573, BOA 6/445 and BOA 6/530.

⁵⁴ BOA 3/74, BOA 3/89, BOA 3/118, BOA 3/198, BOA 3/410, BOA 3/527, BOA 3/538, BOA 3/565, BOA 3/574, BOA 3/618, BOA 3/619, BOA 3/761, BOA 3/786, BOA 3/799, BOA 3/802, BOA 3/819, BOA 3/833, BOA 3/837, BOA 3/842, BOA 3/847, BOA 3/853, BOA 3/891, BOA 3/893, BOA 3/907, BOA 3/919, BOA 3/924, BOA 3/935, BOA 3/936, BOA 3/938, BOA 3/954, BOA 3/988, BOA 3/989, BOA 3/1007, BOA 3/1019, BOA 3/1021, BOA 3/1067, BOA 3/1118, BOA 3/1138, BOA 3/1154, BOA 3/1167, BOA 3/1174, BOA 3/1190, BOA 3/1193, BOA 3/1234, BOA 3/1238, BOA 3/1249, BOA 3/1252, BOA 3/1295, BOA 3/1296, BOA 3/1306, BOA 4/87, BOA 4/107, BOA 4/118, BOA 4/151, BOA 4/167, BOA 4/168, BOA 4/208, BOA 4/350, BOA 4/363, BOA 4/431, BOA 4/492, BOA 4/526, BOA 4/575, BOA 4/641, BOA 4/664, BOA 4/674, BOA 4/689, BOA 4/736, BOA 4/754, BOA 4/786, BOA 4/791, BOA 4/814, BOA 4/843, BOA 4/844, BOA 4/862, BOA 4/885, BOA 4/918, BOA 4/931, BOA 4/991, BOA 4/1003, BOA 4/1023, BOA 4/1031, BOA 5/3, BOA 5/12, BOA 5/133, BOA 5/157, BOA 5/202, BOA 5/203, BOA 5/228, BOA 5/239, BOA 5/254, BOA 5/272, BOA 5/275, BOA 5/343, BOA 5/365, BOA 5/409, BOA 5/497, BOA 5/500, BOA 5/509, BOA 5/515, BOA 5/539, BOA 5/561, BOA 5/562, BOA 5/579, BOA 5/586, BOA 5/647, BOA 5/783, BOA 5/785, BOA 5/806, BOA 5/822, BOA 5/848, BOA 5/894, BOA 5/918, BOA 5/956, BOA 5/993, BOA 5/1006, BOA 5/1008, BOA 6/12, BOA 6/55, BOA 6/87, BOA 6/118, BOA 6/124, BOA 6/125, BOA 6/129, BOA 6/164, BOA 6/183, BOA 6/185, BOA 6/187, BOA 6/226, BOA 6/234, BOA 6/247, BOA 6/259, BOA 6/261, BOA 6/313, BOA 6/317, BOA 6/329, BOA 6/332, BOA 6/334, BOA 6/339, BOA 6/356, BOA 6/359, BOA 6/387, BOA 6/388, BOA 6/389, BOA 6/402, BOA 6/420, BOA 6/422, BOA 6/426, BOA 6/437, BOA 6/442, BOA 6/443, BOA 6/464, BOA 6/469, BOA 6/485, BOA 6/495, BOA 6/515, BOA 6/533, BOA 6/539, BOA 6/572, BOA 6/578, BOA 6/588, BOA 6/592 and BOA 6/598.

⁵⁵ Moreover, in *the complainee* part of *the askeri(urbanite)*: BOA 4/173, BOA 4/194, BOA 4/252, BOA 4/310, BOA 4/442, BOA 4/591, BOA 4/661 and BOA 5/966. In *the complainee* part of *the askeri(villager)*: BOA 4/336. In *the complainee* part of *the reaya(villager)*: BOA 3/303, BOA 3/559, BOA 3/918, BOA 3/1057, BOA 3/1058, BOA 3/1075, BOA 3/1377, BOA 4/135, BOA 4/216, BOA 4/440, BOA 4/657, BOA 4/725, BOA 4/803, BOA 4/948, BOA 4/968, BOA 4/981, BOA 5/119, BOA 5/573, BOA 6/445 and BOA 6/530.

Table 11. Mutual Social Positions of Parties of the Waqf Problems Experienced in Istanbul in Eighteenth-Century: Who Complains Whom?

SOCIAL POSITIONS OF THE CASE PARTIES		CASES	PERCENTAGE
APPLICANT	COMPLAINEE		
I. ASKERI	ASKERI	2	1%
II. ASKERI	REAYA	6	3.1%
III. REAYA	REAYA	177	92.2%
IV. REAYA	ASKERI	7	3.6%

As can be seen in Table 11, in the eighteenth-century, waqf's 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 92.2% of prejudgements⁵⁶, 3.6% of it was experienced between "*the reaya and the askeri*"⁵⁷, 3.1% of it was

⁵⁶ BOA 3/74, BOA 3/89, BOA 3/118, BOA 3/198, BOA 3/303, BOA 3/410, BOA 3/527, BOA 3/538, BOA 3/559, BOA 3/565, BOA 3/574, BOA 3/618, BOA 3/619, BOA 3/761, BOA 3/786, BOA 3/799, BOA 3/802, BOA 3/819, BOA 3/833, BOA 3/837, BOA 3/842, BOA 3/847, BOA 3/853, BOA 3/891, BOA 3/893, BOA 3/907, BOA 3/918, BOA 3/919, BOA 3/924, BOA 3/935, BOA 3/936, BOA 3/938, BOA 3/954, BOA 3/988, BOA 3/989, BOA 3/1007, BOA 3/1019, BOA 3/1021, BOA 3/1057, BOA 3/1067, BOA 3/1154, BOA 3/1167, BOA 3/1174, BOA 3/1190, BOA 3/1234, BOA 3/1238, BOA 3/1249, BOA 3/1252, BOA 3/1295, BOA 3/1296, BOA 3/1306, BOA 4/87, BOA 4/107, BOA 4/118, BOA 4/135, BOA 4/151, BOA 4/167, BOA 4/168, BOA 4/208, BOA 4/216, BOA 4/350, BOA 4/363, BOA 4/431, BOA 4/440, BOA 4/492, BOA 4/526, BOA 4/575, BOA 4/641, BOA 4/657, BOA 4/664, BOA 4/674, BOA 4/689, BOA 4/725, BOA 4/736, BOA 4/754, BOA 4/786, BOA 4/791, BOA 4/803, BOA 4/814, BOA 4/843, BOA 4/844, BOA 4/862, BOA 4/885, BOA 4/918, BOA 4/931, BOA 4/948, BOA 4/968, BOA 4/981, BOA 4/991, BOA 4/1003, BOA 4/1023, BOA 4/1031, BOA 5/3, BOA 5/12, BOA 5/119, BOA 5/133, BOA 5/157, BOA 5/202, BOA 5/203, BOA 5/228, BOA 5/239, BOA 5/254, BOA 5/272, BOA 5/275, BOA 5/343, BOA 5/365, BOA 5/409, BOA 5/497, BOA 5/500, BOA 5/509, BOA 5/515, BOA 5/539, BOA 5/561, BOA 5/562, BOA 5/573, BOA 5/579, BOA 5/586, BOA 5/647, BOA 5/783, BOA 5/785, BOA 5/806, BOA 5/822, BOA 5/848, BOA 5/894, BOA 5/918, BOA 5/956, BOA 5/993, BOA 5/1006, BOA 5/1008, BOA 6/12, BOA 6/55, BOA 6/87, BOA 6/118, BOA 6/124, BOA 6/125, BOA 6/129, BOA 6/164, BOA 6/183, BOA 6/185, BOA 6/187, BOA 6/226, BOA 6/234, BOA 6/247, BOA 6/259, BOA 6/261, BOA 6/313, BOA 6/317, BOA 6/329, BOA 6/332, BOA 6/334, BOA 6/339, BOA 6/356, BOA 6/359, BOA 6/387, BOA 6/388, BOA 6/389, BOA 6/402, BOA 6/420, BOA 6/422, BOA 6/426, BOA 6/437, BOA 6/442, BOA 6/443, BOA 6/445, BOA 6/464, BOA 6/469, BOA 6/485, BOA 6/495, BOA 6/515, BOA 6/530, BOA 6/533, BOA 6/539, BOA 6/572, BOA 6/578, BOA 6/588, BOA 6/592 and BOA 6/598.

⁵⁷ BOA 4/173, BOA 4/310, BOA 4/336, BOA 4/442, BOA 4/591, BOA 4/661 and BOA 5/966.

experienced between “the *askeri* and the *reaya*”⁵⁸ and only 0.5% of it was experienced between two *askeri*”⁵⁹.

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 the Solution of Their Waqf Problems in Istanbul in the Eighteenth-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	8	-	-	-	-
II. REAYA	182	2	2	-	-
TOTAL	190	2	2	-	-

As can be followed with Table 12, it is detected that while 8 of *the askeri* are *Muslims*; 182 (98.9%) of *the reaya* are *Muslims* and 1.1% of them *Non-Muslims* (only 2 cases *Dhimmi*) from *the applicants* applying for the solution of waqf's problems in the related period.

Table 13. The Religious Distributions of *The Complainee* Party in Problems Experienced in the Waqf System of Istanbul, in the Eighteenth-Century in 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	9	-	-	-	-
II. REAYA	177	6	5	-	1
TOTAL	186	6	5	-	1

⁵⁸ BOA 3/1058, BOA 3/1075, BOA 3/1118, BOA 3/1138, BOA 3/1193 and BOA 3/1377.

⁵⁹ BOA 4/194 and BOA 4/252.

Also, similar results have been obtained in religious distributions analyzed in accordance with the social position of *the complainee* party. As can be seen in Table 13, *the askeri* and *the reaya* composing of *the complainee* party are also mostly *Muslims*. In that, while all 9 *askeri* complained are *Muslims*, a very high rate of *reaya* as 96.7% (177 cases) are also *Muslims* (and only 6 cases *Non-Muslims*).

E. The Grading of the Parties of Waqf Problems Experienced in Istanbul in the Eighteenth-Century in Accordance with Their Religions

The data about the religious characteristics of the persons being a party to the waqf's problems seen in between 1750-1762 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* and *Non-Muslim*.

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

RELIGIOUS COMPOSITION	RELIGION OF APPLICANT		RELIGION OF COMPLAINEE	
	CASES	PERCENTAGE	CASES	PERCENTAGE
I. MUSLIM	190	99%	186	96.9%
II. NON-MUSLIM	2	1%	6	3.1%
A. Dhimmi	2	100%	5	83.3%
B. Jews	-	-	-	-
C. Nazarene	-	-	1	16.7%

When this classification concluded in Table 14 is analyzed, it will be seen that *Muslim* people have intensity in both parties experiencing problems in Istanbul in the related period. In that, while 99%⁶⁰ of *the applicants* and 96.9%⁶¹

⁶⁰ BOA 3/74, BOA 3/89, BOA 3/118, BOA 3/198, BOA 3/303, BOA 3/410, BOA 3/527, BOA 3/538, BOA 3/559, BOA 3/565, BOA 3/574, BOA 3/618, BOA 3/619, BOA 3/761,

BOA 3/786, BOA 3/799, BOA 3/802, BOA 3/819, BOA 3/833, BOA 3/837, BOA 3/842, BOA 3/847, BOA 3/853, BOA 3/891, BOA 3/893, BOA 3/907, BOA 3/918, BOA 3/919, BOA 3/924, BOA 3/935, BOA 3/936, BOA 3/938, BOA 3/954, BOA 3/988, BOA 3/989, BOA 3/1007, BOA 3/1019, BOA 3/1021, BOA 3/1057, BOA 3/1058, BOA 3/1067, BOA 3/1075, BOA 3/1118, BOA 3/1138, BOA 3/1154, BOA 3/1167, BOA 3/1174, BOA 3/1190, BOA 3/1193, BOA 3/1234, BOA 3/1238, BOA 3/1249, BOA 3/1252, BOA 3/1295, BOA 3/1296, BOA 3/1306, BOA 3/1377, BOA 4/87, BOA 4/107, BOA 4/118, BOA 4/135, BOA 4/151, BOA 4/167, BOA 4/168, BOA 4/173, BOA 4/194, BOA 4/208, BOA 4/216, BOA 4/252, BOA 4/310, BOA 4/336, BOA 4/350, BOA 4/363, BOA 4/431, BOA 4/440, BOA 4/442, BOA 4/492, BOA 4/526, BOA 4/575, BOA 4/591, BOA 4/641, BOA 4/657, BOA 4/661, BOA 4/664, BOA 4/674, BOA 4/689, BOA 4/725, BOA 4/736, BOA 4/754, BOA 4/786, BOA 4/791, BOA 4/803, BOA 4/814, BOA 4/844, BOA 4/862, BOA 4/885, BOA 4/918, BOA 4/931, BOA 4/948, BOA 4/968, BOA 4/981, BOA 4/991, BOA 4/1003, BOA 4/1023, BOA 4/1031, BOA 5/3, BOA 5/12, BOA 5/119, BOA 5/133, BOA 5/157, BOA 5/202, BOA 5/203, BOA 5/228, BOA 5/239, BOA 5/254, BOA 5/272, BOA 5/275, BOA 5/365, BOA 5/409, BOA 5/497, BOA 5/500, BOA 5/509, BOA 5/515, BOA 5/539, BOA 5/561, BOA 5/562, BOA 5/573, BOA 5/579, BOA 5/586, BOA 5/647, BOA 5/783, BOA 5/785, BOA 5/806, BOA 5/822, BOA 5/848, BOA 5/894, BOA 5/918, BOA 5/956, BOA 5/966, BOA 5/993, BOA 5/1006, BOA 5/1008, BOA 6/12, BOA 6/55, BOA 6/87, BOA 6/118, BOA 6/124, BOA 6/125, BOA 6/129, BOA 6/164, BOA 6/183, BOA 6/185, BOA 6/187, BOA 6/226, BOA 6/234, BOA 6/247, BOA 6/259, BOA 6/261, BOA 6/313, BOA 6/317, BOA 6/329, BOA 6/332, BOA 6/334, BOA 6/339, BOA 6/356, BOA 6/359, BOA 6/387, BOA 6/388, BOA 6/389, BOA 6/402, BOA 6/420, BOA 6/422, BOA 6/426, BOA 6/437, BOA 6/442, BOA 6/443, BOA 6/445, BOA 6/464, BOA 6/469, BOA 6/485, BOA 6/495, BOA 6/515, BOA 6/530, BOA 6/533, BOA 6/539, BOA 6/572, BOA 6/578, BOA 6/588, BOA 6/592 and BOA 6/598.

⁶¹ BOA 3/118, BOA 3/198, BOA 3/303, BOA 3/410, BOA 3/527, BOA 3/538, BOA 3/559, BOA 3/565, BOA 3/574, BOA 3/618, BOA 3/619, BOA 3/761, BOA 3/786, BOA 3/799, BOA 3/802, BOA 3/819, BOA 3/833, BOA 3/837, BOA 3/842, BOA 3/847, BOA 3/853, BOA 3/891, BOA 3/893, BOA 3/907, BOA 3/918, BOA 3/919, BOA 3/924, BOA 3/935, BOA 3/936, BOA 3/938, BOA 3/954, BOA 3/988, BOA 3/989, BOA 3/1007, BOA 3/1019, BOA 3/1021, BOA 3/1057, BOA 3/1058, BOA 3/1067, BOA 3/1075, BOA 3/1118, BOA 3/1138, BOA 3/1154, BOA 3/1167, BOA 3/1174, BOA 3/1190, BOA 3/1193, BOA 3/1234, BOA 3/1238, BOA 3/1249, BOA 3/1252, BOA 3/1295, BOA 3/1296, BOA 3/1306, BOA 3/1377, BOA 4/87, BOA 4/107, BOA 4/118, BOA 4/135, BOA 4/151, BOA 4/167, BOA 4/168, BOA 4/173, BOA 4/194, BOA 4/208, BOA 4/216, BOA 4/252, BOA 4/310, BOA 4/336, BOA 4/350, BOA 4/363, BOA 4/440, BOA 4/442, BOA 4/492, BOA 4/526, BOA 4/575, BOA 4/591, BOA 4/641, BOA 4/657, BOA 4/661, BOA 4/664, BOA 4/674, BOA 4/689, BOA 4/725, BOA 4/736, BOA 4/754, BOA 4/786, BOA 4/791, BOA 4/803, BOA 4/843, BOA 4/862, BOA 4/885, BOA 4/918, BOA 4/931, BOA 4/948, BOA 4/968, BOA 4/981, BOA 4/991, BOA 4/1003, BOA 4/1023, BOA 4/1031, BOA 5/3, BOA 5/12, BOA 5/119, BOA 5/133, BOA 5/157, BOA 5/202, BOA 5/203, BOA 5/228, BOA 5/239, BOA 5/254, BOA 5/272, BOA 5/275, BOA 5/365, BOA 5/409, BOA 5/497, BOA 5/500, BOA 5/509, BOA 5/515, BOA 5/539, BOA 5/561, BOA 5/562, BOA 5/573, BOA 5/579, BOA 5/586, BOA 5/647, BOA 5/783, BOA 5/785, BOA 5/806, BOA 5/822, BOA 5/848, BOA 5/894, BOA 5/918, BOA 5/956, BOA 5/966, BOA 5/993, BOA 5/1006, BOA 5/1008, BOA 6/12, BOA 6/55, BOA 6/87, BOA 6/118, BOA 6/124, BOA 6/125, BOA 6/129, BOA 6/164, BOA 6/183, BOA 6/185, BOA 6/187, BOA

of the complainees are Muslims; only 1%⁶² of the applicants and 3.1%⁶³ of the complainees are Non-Muslims. Also, it is determined that these Non-Muslims are mainly *Dhimmi*.

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 eighteenth-century.

Table 15. The Mutual Religions of the Parties Having Disputes Between Themselves in Istanbul in the Eighteenth-Century

THE MUTUAL RELIGIONS OF THE PARTIES		CASES	PERCENTAGE
APPLICANT	COMPLAINEE		
I. MUSLIM	MUSLIM	185	96.4%
II. MUSLIM	NON-MUSLIM	5	2.6%
A. MUSLIM	DHIMMI	5	100%
B. MUSLIM	JEWS	-	-
C. MUSLIM	NAZARENE	-	-
III. NON-MUSLIM	MUSLIM	1	0.5%
A. DHIMMI	MUSLIM	1	100%
B. JEWS	MUSLIM	-	-
C. NAZARENE	MUSLIM	-	-
III. NON-MUSLIM	NON-MUSLIM	1	0.5%
A. DHIMMI	DHIMMI	-	-
B. DHIMMI	NAZARENE	1	100%
C. JEWS	DHIMMI	-	-

As can be seen in Table 15, waqf's problems experienced in Istanbul in the eighteenth-century have mainly appeared between two *Muslims*. According to the related *Ahkâm Registers*, 99.5% of the prejudgements related to the waqf

6/226, BOA 6/234, BOA 6/247, BOA 6/259, BOA 6/261, BOA 6/313, BOA 6/317, BOA 6/329, BOA 6/332, BOA 6/334, BOA 6/339, BOA 6/356, BOA 6/359, BOA 6/387, BOA 6/388, BOA 6/389, BOA 6/402, BOA 6/420, BOA 6/422, BOA 6/426, BOA 6/437, BOA 6/442, BOA 6/443, BOA 6/445, BOA 6/464, BOA 6/469, BOA 6/485, BOA 6/495, BOA 6/515, BOA 6/530, BOA 6/533, BOA 6/539, BOA 6/572, BOA 6/578, BOA 6/588, BOA 6/592 and BOA 6/598.

⁶² *Dhimmi of the applicant*: BOA 4/843 and BOA 5/343.

⁶³ *Dhimmi of the complainee*: BOA 3/74, BOA 3/89, BOA 4/431, BOA 4/814 and BOA 4/844. *Nazarene of the complainee*: BOA 5/343.

disputes are for the *Muslim* subject. Also, 96.4% of the waqf's problems have occurred between two *Muslims*⁶⁴.

On the other hand, it can be seen in only 6 cases of all 192 cases in the related period that at least one of the parties is *Non-Muslim*. In that, 2.6% of prejudgements concerning the problems is between “*Muslim and Non-Muslim*”⁶⁵ (all of these are between “*Muslim and Dhimmi*”), 0.5% of it is between “*Non-Muslim and Muslim*”⁶⁶ (all of these are between “*Dhimmi and Muslim*”) and also 0.5% of it is between two *Non-Muslims*⁶⁷ (all of these are between “*Dhimmi and Nazarene*”).

⁶⁴ BOA 3/118, BOA 3/198, BOA 3/303, BOA 3/410, BOA 3/527, BOA 3/538, BOA 3/559, BOA 3/565, BOA 3/574, BOA 3/618, BOA 3/619, BOA 3/761, BOA 3/786, BOA 3/799, BOA 3/802, BOA 3/819, BOA 3/833, BOA 3/837, BOA 3/842, BOA 3/847, BOA 3/853, BOA 3/891, BOA 3/893, BOA 3/907, BOA 3/918, BOA 3/919, BOA 3/924, BOA 3/935, BOA 3/936, BOA 3/938, BOA 3/954, BOA 3/988, BOA 3/989, BOA 3/1007, BOA 3/1019, BOA 3/1021, BOA 3/1057, BOA 3/1058, BOA 3/1067, BOA 3/1075, BOA 3/1118, BOA 3/1138, BOA 3/1154, BOA 3/1167, BOA 3/1174, BOA 3/1190, BOA 3/1193, BOA 3/1234, BOA 3/1238, BOA 3/1249, BOA 3/1252, BOA 3/1295, BOA 3/1296, BOA 3/1306, BOA 3/1377, BOA 4/87, BOA 4/107, BOA 4/118, BOA 4/135, BOA 4/151, BOA 4/167, BOA 4/168, BOA 4/173, BOA 4/194, BOA 4/208, BOA 4/216, BOA 4/252, BOA 4/310, BOA 4/336, BOA 4/350, BOA 4/363, BOA 4/440, BOA 4/442, BOA 4/492, BOA 4/526, BOA 4/575, BOA 4/591, BOA 4/641, BOA 4/657, BOA 4/661, BOA 4/664, BOA 4/674, BOA 4/689, BOA 4/725, BOA 4/736, BOA 4/754, BOA 4/786, BOA 4/791, BOA 4/803, BOA 4/862, BOA 4/885, BOA 4/918, BOA 4/931, BOA 4/948, BOA 4/968, BOA 4/981, BOA 4/991, BOA 4/1003, BOA 4/1023, BOA 4/1031, BOA 5/3, BOA 5/12, BOA 5/119, BOA 5/133, BOA 5/157, BOA 5/202, BOA 5/203, BOA 5/228, BOA 5/239, BOA 5/254, BOA 5/272, BOA 5/275, BOA 5/365, BOA 5/409, BOA 5/497, BOA 5/500, BOA 5/509, BOA 5/515, BOA 5/539, BOA 5/561, BOA 5/562, BOA 5/573, BOA 5/579, BOA 5/586, BOA 5/647, BOA 5/783, BOA 5/785, BOA 5/806, BOA 5/822, BOA 5/848, BOA 5/894, BOA 5/918, BOA 5/956, BOA 5/966, BOA 5/993, BOA 5/1006, BOA 5/1008, BOA 6/12, BOA 6/55, BOA 6/87, BOA 6/118, BOA 6/124, BOA 6/125, BOA 6/129, BOA 6/164, BOA 6/183, BOA 6/185, BOA 6/187, BOA 6/226, BOA 6/234, BOA 6/247, BOA 6/259, BOA 6/261, BOA 6/313, BOA 6/317, BOA 6/329, BOA 6/332, BOA 6/334, BOA 6/339, BOA 6/356, BOA 6/359, BOA 6/387, BOA 6/388, BOA 6/389, BOA 6/402, BOA 6/420, BOA 6/422, BOA 6/426, BOA 6/437, BOA 6/442, BOA 6/443, BOA 6/445, BOA 6/464, BOA 6/469, BOA 6/485, BOA 6/495, BOA 6/515, BOA 6/530, BOA 6/533, BOA 6/539, BOA 6/572, BOA 6/578, BOA 6/588, BOA 6/592 and BOA 6/598.

⁶⁵ Between “*Muslim and Dhimmi*”: BOA 3/74, BOA 3/89, BOA 4/431, BOA 4/814 and BOA 4/844.

⁶⁶ Between “*Dhimmi and Muslim*”: BOA 4/843.

⁶⁷ Between “*Dhimmi and Nazarene*”: BOA 5/343.

F. The Grading of the Problems Experienced in Istanbul in the Eighteenth-Century in Accordance with Years

The last classification in the *Ahkâm Registers* of the problems experienced in the waqf system of Istanbul in between 1750-1762 years period is 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 waqf's problems change by years. Within this framework, dates of the judgement in the *Ahkâm Registers* are analyzed to make classification in accordance with years.

Table 16. Years in which Istanbul Waqf Problems are Experienced in the Eighteenth-Century

YEAR	CASES	PERCENTAGE
1750	5	2.6%
1751	1	0.5%
1752	7	3.6%
1753	20	10.4%
1754	16	8.3%
1755	12	6.3%
1756	12	6.3%
1757	15	7.8%
1758	21	10.9%
1759	17	8.9%
1760	13	6.8%
1761	19	9.9%
1762	34	17.7%
TOTAL	192	100%

When the classifications of problems seen in Istanbul waqf system in between 1750-1762 years as our analyzing period made on the basis of years –in table 16- are evaluated, it is detected that applications about waqf's problems are relatively high in between 1758-1762 years⁶⁸, it gradually decreases towards at

⁶⁸ The cases related to 1758 are BOA 4/754, BOA 4/786, BOA 4/791, BOA 4/803, BOA 4/814, BOA 4/843, BOA 4/844, BOA 4/862, BOA 4/885, BOA 4/918, BOA 4/931, BOA 4/948, BOA 4/968, BOA 4/981, BOA 4/991, BOA 4/1003, BOA 4/1023, BOA 4/1031, BOA 5/3, BOA 5/12 and BOA 5/119. The registers related to 1759 are BOA 5/133, BOA 5/157, BOA 5/202, BOA 5/203, BOA 5/228, BOA 5/239, BOA 5/254, BOA 5/272, BOA 5/275, BOA 5/343, BOA 5/365, BOA 5/409, BOA 5/497, BOA 5/500, BOA 5/509, BOA 5/515 and BOA 5/539. The cases regarding 1760 are BOA 5/561, BOA 5/562, BOA 5/573, BOA 5/579, BOA 5/586, BOA 5/647, BOA 5/783, BOA 5/785, BOA 5/806, BOA 5/822,

the beginning of 1750s. In that, while 1750-1762 years period; 54.2% (104 cases) of the waqf's problems experienced in Istanbul in 1758-1762 years period, 39.1% (75 cases) of them lived in 1753-1757 years period⁶⁹ and only %6.8 (13 cases) of them experienced in 1750-1752 years period⁷⁰. Also it is pointed out that waqf's problems of Istanbul is relatively high especially in 1753 (10.4%), 1758 (10.9%) and 1762 (17.7%) years.

III. CONCLUSION

In Ottoman State, the waqf system had important role in social and economical development of the Ottoman cities. The waqf system provided the legal norms, local management, and self-contained economy to the cities. It can be said that, all state services, social, scientific, religious, and cultural life requirements were managed by waqf facilities.

This archive study having the aim of analyzing the waqf system in Istanbul in the eighteenth-century is based on the regimentation of *Istanbul Ahkâm Registers* of the period. With this purpose, records of *Istanbul Ahkâm*

BOA 5/848, BOA 5/894 and BOA 5/918. The decisions related to 1761 are BOA 5/956, BOA 5/966, BOA 5/993, BOA 5/1006, BOA 5/1008, BOA 6/12, BOA 6/55, BOA 6/87, BOA 6/118, BOA 6/124, BOA 6/125, BOA 6/129, BOA 6/164, BOA 6/183, BOA 6/185, BOA 6/187, BOA 6/226, BOA 6/234 and BOA 6/247. The cases related to 1762 are BOA 6/259, BOA 6/261, BOA 6/313, BOA 6/317, BOA 6/329, BOA 6/332, BOA 6/334, BOA 6/339, BOA 6/356, BOA 6/359, BOA 6/387, BOA 6/388, BOA 6/389, BOA 6/402, BOA 6/420, BOA 6/422, BOA 6/426, BOA 6/437, BOA 6/442, BOA 6/443, BOA 6/445, BOA 6/464, BOA 6/469, BOA 6/485, BOA 6/495, BOA 6/515, BOA 6/530, BOA 6/533, BOA 6/539, BOA 6/572, BOA 6/578, BOA 6/588, BOA 6/592 and BOA 6/598.

⁶⁹ The cases regarding 1753 are BOA 3/761, BOA 3/786, BOA 3/799, BOA 3/802, BOA 3/819, BOA 3/833, BOA 3/837, BOA 3/842, BOA 3/847, BOA 3/853, BOA 3/891, BOA 3/893, BOA 3/907, BOA 3/918, BOA 3/919, BOA 3/924, BOA 3/935, BOA 3/936, BOA 3/938 and BOA 3/954. The decisions related to 1754 are BOA 3/988, BOA 3/989, BOA 3/1007, BOA 3/1019, BOA 3/1021, BOA 3/1057, BOA 3/1058, BOA 3/1067, BOA 3/1075, BOA 3/1118, BOA 3/1138, BOA 3/1154, BOA 3/1167, BOA 3/1174, BOA 3/1190 and BOA 3/1193. The cases related to 1755 are BOA 3/1234, BOA 3/1238, BOA 3/1249, BOA 3/1252, BOA 3/1295, BOA 3/1296, BOA 3/1306, BOA 3/1377, BOA 4/87, BOA 4/107, BOA 4/118 and BOA 4/135. The registers related to 1756 are BOA 4/151, BOA 4/167, BOA 4/168, BOA 4/173, BOA 4/194, BOA 4/208, BOA 4/216, BOA 4/252, BOA 4/310, BOA 4/336, BOA 4/350 and BOA 4/363. The cases regarding 1757 are BOA 4/431, BOA 4/440, BOA 4/442, BOA 4/492, BOA 4/526, BOA 4/575, BOA 4/591, BOA 4/641, BOA 4/657, BOA 4/661, BOA 4/664, BOA 4/674, BOA 4/689, BOA 4/725 and BOA 4/736.

⁷⁰ The cases related to 1750 are BOA 3/74, BOA 3/89, BOA 3/118, BOA 3/198 and BOA 3/303. The registers related to 1751 are BOA 3/410. The cases regarding 1752 are BOA 3/527, BOA 3/538, BOA 3/559, BOA 3/565, BOA 3/574, BOA 3/618 and BOA 3/619.

Registers including waqf's problems related to the period between January 1750-December 1762 years are analyzed. In the related registers, 192 cases are detected related to the problems concerning the waqf system in Istanbul.

Each register detected is classified according to (i) the book numbers in the *Ahkâm Registers*, (ii) the application places according to the Istanbul townships, (iii) problems experienced in the waqf system, (iv) social positions of the parties, (v) religions of the parties, and (vi) year variables which are determined by ourselves.

Records related to the waqf's problems experienced in between 1750-1762 years in Istanbul take place in the 3-6 numbers of Ahkâm Books. In this period in which 192 judgements were given, it is determined that maximum decisions takes place in the book numbered 3 (57 cases and the 29.7% of total judgements).

According to Ahkâm Records, the most important problems experienced in Istanbul waqf system are related to the general subjects of *revenue and accounting of the waqf* (119 cases and 62% of total judgments) and *using, devolution and istibdal (exchanging) of the waqf's place* (116 cases and 60.4% of total judgments). These problems are respectively followed by titles as *lease of the waqf, rental procedures and tenancy* (88 cases and 45.8%), *intermeddling to the waqf and intermeddling of the waqf* (37 cases and 19.3%), *management, inspection, employee of the waqf and wages* (32 cases and 16.7%), *cash waqfs and evlatlık (made to last) waqfs* (12 cases and 6.2%) and *other issues* (3 cases and 1.6%).

The waqf's problems experienced in Istanbul in the eighteenth-century related to *istibdal (exchanging)* (109 cases and 56.8%), *rental income of the waqf (icare-i muaccele 'advance wage' and icare-i müeccele 'annual wage')* (98 cases and 51%), *tenancy of the waqf's place and leasehold place of waqf* (77 cases and 40.1%) and *lease of icareteyn (double rent) procedure* (55 cases and 28.6%). It is seen that "lease of the waqf's place" (9 cases and 4.7%), "lease of *icareteyn (double rent) procedure*" (55 cases and 28.6%) and "tenancy of the waqf's place and leasehold place of waqf" (77 cases and 40.1%) problems are experienced related to *lease of the waqf, rental procedures and tenancy* subjects. While problems of the "using of the waqf's place" (31 cases and 16.1%), "devolution of chattels to the waqf" (2 cases and 1%) and "*istibdal (exchanging)*" (109 cases and 56.8%) are mainly experienced in *using, devolution and istibdal(exchanging) of the waqf's place*; the *revenue and accounting of the waqf* subjects are generally for "rental income of the waqf (*icare-i muaccele 'advance wage' and icare-i müeccele 'annual wage')*" (98 cases and 51%), "*muqâtaa income of the waqf*" (23 cases and 12%) and "accounting of the waqf" (6 cases and 3.1%). Moreover, the concentration about *management, inspection, employee of the waqf and wages* are on the "*tevliyet*

(bare trustee)” (17 cases and 8.9%), “waqf staff and intermeddling to the staff” (14 cases and 7.3%) and “wage of waqf staff” (6 cases and 3.1%). The *cash waqfs and evlatlık (made to last) waqfs* are generally for “cash waqfs” (none of cases) and “*evlatlık (family waqfs, made to last) waqfs*” (12 cases and 6.3%). And the *intermeddling to the waqf and intermeddling of the waqf cash waqfs and evlatlık (made to last) waqfs* are generally for “intermeddling, suppression and occupancy to the waqf’s place” (29 cases and 15.1%), “intermeddling to the waqf’s place by heir, trustee etc.” (2 cases and 1%) and “repair and overhaul of the waqf or the tenant” (7 cases and 3.6%).

In the eighteenth-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 waqf’s problems have been experienced in *Surici* region. While 64.1% of the Ahkâm records is related to the *Surici* region; 19.3% of it belongs to *Uskudar*, 12% of it belongs to *Haslar* and 4.7% of it belongs to *Galata* region. It is also seen that in the analysis based on the sub-districts related to the these *Bilad-ı Selase* regions, waqf’s problems are centered upon the sub-districts of *Kapudagi* (33.3%) and *Bandırma* (11.1%) in *Galata* region; of *Gekbuze* (27%), *Kandiri* (10.8%) and *Yoros* (10.8%) in *Uskudar* region and of *Terkos* (43.5%) and *Catalca* (17.4%) in *Haslar* region.

When the distributions according to the subjects of waqf’s problems experienced in these four regions of Istanbul are analyzed, it is detected that problem of *istibdal (exchanging)* (77.2%) is often experienced in *Surici*; problem of *intermeddling, suppression and occupancy to the waqf’s place* (44.4%) is mainly experienced in *Galata*; problems of *istibdal (exchanging)* (27%) and *intermeddling, suppression and occupancy to the waqf’s place* (27%) are mainly experienced in *Uskudar* township and problem of *intermeddling, suppression and occupancy to the waqf’s place* (56.5%) is mainly experienced in *Haslar* townships.

In between the periods of 1750-1762 years, to evaluate the judgements of *Ahkâm Registers* given related to the waqf system in Istanbul according to the social classes of the parties, judgement are detailed as *the askeri* and *the reaya*. In conclusion of this grading, 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 95.8% consist of *the reaya* (90.2% of whom settled in *urbanite*), 95.3% of *the complainees* are composed of *the reaya* (also 89.1% of whom reside in *urbanite*).

In the eighteenth-century, waqf's 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 92.2% of prejudgements. Moreover, 3.6% of them were experienced between "*the reaya* and *the askeri*", 3.1% of them were "*the askeri* and *the reaya*" and only 0.5% of them were experienced between two *askeri*.

Also, the data about the religious characteristics of parties experiencing waqf 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 waqf's problems in Istanbul in the eighteenth-century are mainly experienced among *Muslims*. According to the related *Ahkâm Registers*, 99.5% of judgements given related to the waqf disputes are for the *Muslim* subjects. In that, while 99% of *the applicants* and 96.9% of *the complainees* are *Muslims*. Only 1% of *the applicants* and 3.1% of *the complainees* are *Non-Muslims* (and mainly *Dhimmis*). This situation supports the claim of the population of *Muslims* in Istanbul in the eighteenth-century is more intensive than others.

On the other hand, it is seen that while *Muslim* subjects experience the problems related to *istibdal (exchanging)* (107 cases and 56.3%), *rental income of the waqf (icare-i muaccele 'advance wage' and icare-i müeccele 'annual wage')* (96 cases and 50.5%), *tenancy of the waqf's place and leasehold place of waqf* (75 cases and 39.5%) and *lease of icareteyn (double rent) procedure* (53 cases and 27.9%); *Non-Muslim* subjects also experience mainly the problems related to *lease of icareteyn (double rent) procedure* (2 cases and 25%), *tenancy of the waqf's place and leasehold place of waqf* (2 cases and 25%), *istibdal (exchanging)* (2 cases and 25%) and *rental income of the waqf (icare-i muaccele 'advance wage' and icare-i müeccele 'annual wage')* (2 cases and also 25%).

In conclusion, judgements given in *Istanbul Ahkâm Registers* related to the waqf system are evaluated in terms of time. For this reason, the registers belonging to the eighteenth-century (1750-1762) are classified in accordance with the years indicated in the judgements. In conclusion of the classification, it is detected that waqf's problems experienced in 1758-1762 years is relatively high and they have gradually decreased towards 1750-1752 years. Thus, while 54.2% of the problems is experienced in 1758-1762 years period, 6.8% of it is experienced in 1750-1752 years period. Complaints related to the waqf's problems in Istanbul intensified in respectively 1753, 1758 and 1762 years.

Besides, it is detected that waqf's problems were often experienced in *Surici* region in 1759-1762 years (60 cases), intensely in *Galata* region in 1753-1755 (5 cases) years, often in *Uskudar* region in also 1759-1762 (14 cases) years and intensely in *Haslar* region in 1756-1758 (13 cases) years.

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