

While this enumeration of the villages and their inhabitants was in progress, he arranged the military system necessary for the defence of the island. There were detailed for the whole of Cyprus 1000 *yenicheri*, with their commandant the *yenicheri-agma*, and another officer under him, the *qol-kiaya*, the fourth in rank of the four aghas of Levkosia, and 28 *chorbaji* of the same corps, of whom 14 were styled *yayabashi*, that is to say captains respectively of horse and foot. He enrolled also 2666 *sipahi* under 42 *zaim*; 32 of these were posted to the garrison of Levkosia, and 10 to those of Ammochostos and Paphos. To the command of these *zaim* and *sipahi* were appointed three superior officers called *Alay Bey*, the chief of these being stationed at Levkosia, and the other two, who were subordinate to him, at Ammochostos and Paphos. These are the two so-called *ajags* of the *sipahi* and *yenicheri*, that is to say the two corps of cavalry and infantry, to whose guardianship was committed the safety of the whole island.

To each corps was assigned its necessary pay. To the *yenicheri* each year 12,000 piastres, collected from 24 *muqata'a*, fiefs specially dedicated to this service, to wit, the Customs of Larnax, Lemesos, Paphos, Ammochostos and Kyrenia: the two Salines of Larnax and Lemesos: and sixteen villages, Ashia, Levconico, Enagri, Kiades, Elia, Koilanion, Palnikythron, Kazaphani, Bitzada, Apalestra, Peristerona, Pege, Levka, Lemesos, Eski Shehr or Palain Chora, Achera, Lapihos, and other besides. The land of these villages pays tithe on all its produce, and their inhabitants pay each one piastre yearly for the tax called *spenza*. To the same corps is assigned the *iktisabliq*, that is to say one of the *chorbaji* is appointed to examine from time to time the sale price of comestibles: the same officer seals all fabrics of cotton, linen and wool: he is assisted by two *yenicheri* called *yasaqi*, and those too take some small duty on all loads which enter and leave Levkosia. Other 2000 piastres are assigned towards the yearly cost of this corps, and these are levied from the rents of the water of Episcopi, Colossion and Levka, and from certain imperial *spenzai*, payable here and there by the inhabitants of particular villages. The auditor of this revenue, appointed solely for this duty, is the *defterdar efendi*, the first in rank of the four aghas of Levkosia. This officer had formerly a *defterdar-kiaya*, and seven villages for his personal pay, Peristerona near Morphou, Petia, Aniantus, Galata, Kalliana, Peristerona near Paphos, and Anogyra, from which he still receives a fifth of the produce, an eighth of the barley, and a *spenza* fixed at six piastres for each inhabitant. The aghas of Levkosia, or the richest of them, farm out the twenty-four fiefs (*muqata'a*) and, after the system called *tadakhul*, or anticipative encashment of three or even five years' dues, they clear four times as much, so that the 12,000 piastres mount up to 47,000 piastres a year.

But of the cavalry corps, each division—*sipahi* and *timar*—was paid from the tithes of all the villages not assigned to the *yenicheri*, and from the annual *spenza* paid by their inhabitants. Besides these were two minor commands or *sanjaqs*, of Paphos and Carpasion, with an income of 10,000 piastres, perhaps for the maintenance of the Pashas of those districts. The *sanjaq* of Paphos was paid out of the tithes, *spenza* and garden tax of 24 villages in the two sub-districts or *qaziliqs* of Paphos and Abdim. That of Carpasion, in the same way, from seven villages of the *qaziliqs* of Ammochostos and Carpasion. But after a time, when these two *pashaliqs* were suppressed, and there remained only one Pasha at Nicosia as Governor-General of the island, the income from Ammochostos and Carpasion was dedicated to a mosque at Constantinople, under which it was farmed by notables of that city. And in the same way the so-called *chifliqs* (farms) of Morphou, Polis tes Chrysochon, and Kouklia, with their dependent villages, fourteen belonging to Kouklia, seven to Polis: Morphou counting only its own inhabitants. The labourers of these *chifliqs* pay only two Turkish