

Contents

<i>List of Illustrations</i>	page x
<i>Acknowledgments</i>	xiii
<i>Note on Transliteration and Usage</i>	xvii
<i>List of Abbreviations</i>	xix
Introduction	I
The Nature of the Ottoman-Iranian Frontier	I
A Note on Terminology	8
Dividing the <i>Umma</i> , Defining Its Frontiers	10
Islamic Concepts of Frontier	13
Ottoman-Iranian Treaties and Frontiers	20
A Note on Sources and Methodology	26
Structure of the Book	28
I. The Kurdish Frontier and Ottoman-Qajar Relations	31
The End of the <i>Ancien Régime</i> and the Rising Capacity of States at the Borderland	34
The Administrative Organization of Ottoman Kurdistan	37
Babans between the Ottomans and Qajars	42
Tribes and Empires: The Case of Haydaran and Sipki	49
The Last Ottoman-Iranian War, 1821–1822	52
The Erzurum Treaty of 1823	54
Developments Leading to the Making of the Frontier	57
Great Power Intervention and the Making of the Boundary	64
Pacification of the Borderland: The First Phase	66
Khan Abdal and the City of Van	68
The Babans, for the Last Time	71
The Case of the City of Van and the <i>Mir</i> of Bohtan	75
Taxes, Conscriptio, Retribalization: The State Is Here to Stay	81

2.	Laying the Ground: The Concert of Zagros	86
	The Commissioners and Their Work	88
	There Was a Treaty of 1639, but Where Is It?	96
	Geopolitics and Boundary Making: The Case of Zohab/Qasr-i Shirin	100
	Shatt al-Arab, Muhammarah, and the Ka'b Tribe	108
	Imperial Decision Making	120
	Pasture Politics: Frontiers and Tribes	121
	Other Issues at the Conference	126
	The Erzurum Treaty of 1847	129
3.	The Long Journey of the First Survey Commission	139
	The Commissioners and Their Duties	142
	Creating Facts on the Ground, or Dervish Pasha's Long Detour at Kotur	146
	Finally at Work: Surveyors on the Go	149
	Locating the Boundary of Muhammarah and Shatt al-Arab	151
	Locating the Boundary of Zohab-Qasr-i Shirin	161
	Commissioners and Borderlanders: Inscribing Subjecthood on the People of the Frontier	164
	The Case of the Failis of Posht-e Kuh	166
	Using the State to Advance Local Claims: The Case of Banu Lam Sunnis for the Caliph: Claiming the Lands in the Name of Defunct Kurdish Dynasts	171
	To Which Pasture the Nomads Belong, and to Which Country the Pasture?	177
	Limits of Sectarianism: Ottoman Efforts to Lure the Sunnis	180
	The End of the Survey	183
4.	The Borderland between the Crimean War and the Berlin Congress	186
	The Crimean War and the Northern Borderland	187
	The Crimean War and Ottoman-Iranian Relations	189
	The Locals and the Localities: How to Control, Whom to Stop	197
	Forming a New Commission, Teaching the Borderlanders a Lesson	202
	Bringing the State into Local Disputes	206
	New Actors and Notions: Migration as Asylum	209
	The Commission of 1874	211
	The Russo-Ottoman War of 1877–1878 and the Transformation of Borderland Identities	213
	The End of the War: Kotur and Minor Moving into Major	221
5.	Sunnis for the Sultan: The Ottoman Occupation of Northwestern Iran, 1905–1912	229
	Justifying the Integration	232
	The Case of the Bilbas and the Beginning of the Ottoman Occupation	235

Cambridge University Press

978-1-107-03365-8 - The Ottoman-Iranian Borderlands: Making a Boundary, 1843–1914

Sabriateş

Table of Contents

[More information](#)

<i>Contents</i>	ix
A Kurdish Tribe, an American Missionary, and the <i>Dekhalet</i> Petitions	246
Responses to the Occupation	255
Commissions and Claims: The 1908 Frontier Commission	260
The End of Abdulhamid II's Reign, the CUP, and the Borderland	262
Sunni Appeals to the CUP and the Impending End of the Annexation	269
The "Independent" 1911 Commission	271
Ottoman Policies in the <i>Nevahi-i Şarkiyye</i>	273
The End of the Occupation	281
6. Boundary at Last	284
Changing Power Dynamics and the Northern Borderland	
Communities	292
Exclusion of Iran from Negotiations	296
The Final Commission, 1913–1914	300
Conclusion	316
<i>Select Bibliography</i>	323
<i>Index</i>	337