



## **Al-Ma'iyya As-Saniyya Divan (Royal Divan)**

*Al-Ma'iyya As-Saniyya Divan (Royal Divan)* is considered one of the most important administrative divans during the nineteenth century. It includes the texts of letters and decrees issued by the rulers of Egypt since the rule of Mohammed Ali till the rule of Khediv Ismail. Accordingly, it is the counterpart of the Royal Divan or what is known now as the Presidential bureau. Because of the centralization of decision-making during the first half of the nineteenth century, the records and documents of this Divan provide a detailed account of the policies adopted by the rulers to manage both domestic and foreign issues. This divan has single as well as binded documents that are written either in Arabic or in Turkish. The latter were translated into Arabic during the thirties of the twentieth century.