1. The most successful Ottoman Sultan after 1789 in terms of modernizing and reconstructing the Empire was obviously Mahmut II. There are many reasons for this judgment I ended up with. The first one is that he dismissed the Janissaries which was a major drawback for the empire for several decades. They had been diverted from their aim and had become a threat against the Sultan’s absolute power. Also, they were not adaptable for the latest developments in the military area and therefore they were not posing a trust element compared to the other armies of the Western countries. Mahmut II also set a new, modern army (Victorious Army of Muhammad) which was following European military trends. Mahmut II also signed the Deed of Agreement with local landlords. It was a revolutionary step in terms of setting a written set of rules for governing the Empire. However, it led to oppression of local landlords eventually but this strengthened central power.