



Figure 3 The map that was added to the inheritance *firman* and granted to Muhammad Ali in 1841.

'buried' in the local archives because it showed a delimitation that did not fit the British claims regarding Egypt's south-western border.²⁹ A detailed inspection of the map³⁰ reveals that the line that separates Egypt from the other parts of the Ottoman Empire in the east passes along a route which is a bit different from the one that appears in the various publications. The line runs from a point on the shore of the Gulf of Suez to the east of the