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- Beirut, panorama, Arthur Lukis Mansell, Commander of HMS *Firefly*, July 1860 (private collection); see article p. 69.
- Beirut, one of maps drawn by the Royal Engineers between 1941-42 (Public Records Office, Kew).

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