



‘ABD-AL-‘AZĪZ QARA ĆELEBIZĀDA

‘ABD-AL-‘AZĪZ QARA ĆELEBIZĀDA (1591-1658), an Ottoman historian and the translator of some Persian works, born in Istanbul in 1000/1591. He was the son of Ḥosām-al-dīn Ḥosayn, a judge (kadi) of Rumeli. After finishing his studies he served as *modarres* in various *madrāsas*, and at one point became kadi of Istanbul. Afterwards he was banished to Cyprus; but after returning from exile, he became the military judge (*kadiasker*) of Rumeli. He was *šayk-al-eslām* in 1061/1651 and died on 6 Rabī II 1068/11 January 1658.

Qara Ćelebizāda was much better known as a historian; his *Rawzāt al-abrār* deals with Ottoman history, and a work entitled *Tārīk-e fath-e Ravān ve Baġdād* about the campaign of Morād IV in Ravān and Baghdad closely concerns the history of Iran. He also translated into Turkish works connected with his occupation: *Sīar-e nabawīya* of Sa‘īd-al-dīn Moḥammad b. Mas‘ūd Kāzerūnī (with the title *Fawā’eḥ al-nabawīya fī sīar al-moštāfawīya*) and Kāšefī’s *Aklāq-e Moḥsenī* (using the same title).



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