



'ABDALLĀH PAŠA KÖPRÜLÜZĀDE

'ABDALLĀH PAŠA KÖPRÜLÜZĀDE, Ottoman statesman and commander-in-chief, d. 1148/1735, who campaigned in Azarbaijan. His father was the grand vizier Moṣṭafā Paša Köprülüzāde; on 2 Ša'bān 1112/23 January 1700 he married the daughter of Fayzallāh Efendi, the *šayḳ-al-eslām*. Patronized by his father-in-law, he became vizier (12 Ša'bān 1113/22 January 1701) and gained later the dignified rank of the military commander of Constantinople, the so-called Istanbul *qā'im-maqāmi*. During the revolt of 9 Rabī' II 1115/22 August 1703 (the so-called *Edirne vaq'ası*) 'Abdallāh restrained the persecution directed against Fayzallāh Efendi and his family. Within the following years he held various posts as governor (Khania, Khios, Sivas) and in 1135/1723 was appointed *vālī* of Van (eastern Anatolia) and *ser'asker* (*saṛ'askar*, commander-in-chief) for the planned Ottoman campaign against Tabrīz. This campaign (1136/1724) resulted in the conquest of Ƙoy and Čowrs, but the siege of Tabrīz failed after twenty-nine days, owing to the lateness of the year. After having spent the whole winter in camps near Ʀasūj, 'Abdallāh led the Ottoman army, the strength of which at the time was about 70,000 troops, for a second attempt against Tabrīz. After the conquest of Zonūz and Marand, he besieged Tabrīz for six days until the surrender of her defenders (23 Ʀu'l-qa'da 1137/3 August 1725). In 1138/1726, according to his demand, 'Abdallāh gained the governorship of Raqqā (Syria), and so he resigned his rank as *ser'asker* (1139/1727). After having held various governorships (Candia, Egypt, Euboa, and Qaramān) he was again appointed *ser'asker* for a campaign towards



Iranian soil. Against a lesser Iranian army led by Nāder Shah, ‘Abdallāh gave battle at the Arpačāy river in Armenia, near Bağāvard. The battle ended with a severe defeat of the Ottoman troops and the death of ‘Abdallāh (26 or 27 Moḥarram 1148/18 or 19 June 1735).

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