



## ABU'L-FARAJ SEJZĪ

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**ABU'L-FARAJ SEJZĪ**, 4th/10th century poet of Sīstān, author of several lost works on the art of poetry. Only three couplets have been preserved from his compositions. Abu'l-Faraĵ was an adherent of Abū 'Alī Sīmĵūrī (d. 387/997) on whose behest he wrote invectives against the Ghaznavids. When Sultan Maḥmūd defeated Abū 'Alī, he imprisoned the poet but spared his life upon 'Onṣorī's intercession. Maḥmūd is said to have given Abu'l-Faraĵ's confiscated property to 'Onṣorī; the latter returned half of it to Abu'l-Faraĵ and so earned his gratitude (Dawlatšāh, *Tadkerat al-šo'arā'*, Tehran, 1338 Š./1959, pp. 44-46).

Dawlatšāh, and sources dependent on him, make Abu'l-Faraĵ the teacher of 'Onṣorī and Manūčehrī. This seems unlikely. Manūčehrī lived in his native Dāmġān until he moved to Ray in 424/1036; and both Manūčehrī and Abu'l-Faraĵ are said to have recited odes in praise of 'Onṣorī (Taġī-al-dīn Kāšānī, *Maġma' al-qaṣā'ed* [written in 1067/1656], cited in M. Dabīrsiāqī's intro. to *Dīvān-e 'Onṣorī*, Tehran, 1342 Š./1963, p. 29).

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See also: Ṣafā, *Adabiyāt* I, pp. 563, 585. Kayyāmpūr, *Soġanvarān*, p. 21.