



ABU'L-FATH EŞFAHĀNĪ

ABU'L-FATH B. MAḤMŪD (or MOḤAMMAD) B. AL-QĀSEM B. AL-FAẒL AL-EŞFAHĀNĪ, an early 6th/12th century astronomer. His best known work is his revision of books V-VII of the Arabic translation, completed by Helāl b. Abī Helāl and Tābet b. Qorra, of the *Cronica* of Apollonius of Perge. This section of that great work was first made known in western Europe through the Latin translation of Abu'l-Fath's version by the Maronite orientalist Abrahamus Echallensis and the Italian mathematician Johannes Alfonsus Borellus (see bibliography). At the end of the translation is the statement: *explicit anno DXIII* (513/1119-20). Abu'l-Fath claims to have found the manuscript of the Arabic translation in the library of a king named *Abicaligiar Carsciaseph filii Ali filii Phrami filii Hasami*, who must be identical with the Abū Kālījār Garšāsp b. 'Alī b. Farāmarz b. Moḥammad who ruled Yazd from 1095 till about 1119. Abu'l-Fath's Persian translation of books I-VII of the *Cronica* and a commentary on books I-V are extant in manuscript.

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