



ABU'L-QĀSEM HĀRŪN

ABU'L-QĀSEM HĀRŪN B. 'ALĪ B. ḤAFAR DANDĀN, RABĪB-AL-DONYĀ WA'L-DĪN, vizier of Atabeg Uzbek b. Moḥammad b. Eldagōz, ruler of Azarbaijan, 607-22/1210-25. He is known in the sources as a patron of learning, to whom Sa'd-al-dīn Varāvīnī dedicated his *Marzbān-nāma*, and as an acquaintance and source of information for Moḥammad Nasavī, author of the *Sīrat Jalāl-al-dīn Mīnkobernī*. His full name appears in the colophon of a copy of *Tarjama-ye tafsīr-e Ṭabarī* which was prepared for the library he founded in Tabrīz. The library is described by Varāvīnī in the *dayl al-keṭāb* of the *Marzbān-nāma* (ed. Qazvīnī, pp. 297-300; ed. Rowšan, pp. 544-49). Rabīb-al-dīn was captured by the forces of Sultan 'Alā'-al-dīn Moḥammad Ḳvārazmšāh 9596-617/1200-20), when the latter came west to fight the Salghurid Atabeg Sa'd of Fārs and Uzbek, but was released. When Moḥammad's son, Jalāl-al-dīn, took Azarbaijan in 622/1225, Rabīb-al-dīn retired from government, set up a *madrassa* in his house in Tabrīz and devoted himself to religious affairs. He was alive in 624/1226-27. Mīnovī suggests that his father might have been Rabīb-al-dawla wa'l-dīn Efteḳār-e Ḳorāsān Abu'l-Ḥasan 'Alī Mostawfī and also discusses the possibility of his having been vizier of Noṣrat-al-dīn Bīškīn prior to his service with Uzbek (*Sīrat*, tr., pp. 296, 408).

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