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Idem, *Farhang-nāmahā-ye ‘Arabī be Fārsī*, pp. 19-27.

al-Ḍarī‘a VII, p. 208, VIII, p. 165, IX, p. 131.

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