



AḤMAD B. MOḤAMMAD B. ṬĀHER

AḤMAD B. MOḤAMMAD B. ṬĀHER, governor in K̲v̲ārazm and son of the last Tahirid governor in Khorasan. Although Vasmer has doubted whether Ṭāher b. Moḥammad, who ruled in Marv after the capture of Moḥammad b. Ṭāher at Nīšāpūr in 259/873, was the latter's son, there seems no reason to doubt the filiation of Aḥmad. He is mentioned by Ebn al-Aṭīr, in his account of the complex fighting in Khorasan under the events of 262/875-6, as governor in K̲v̲ārazm at that time. After the Arab conquest of Qotayba, K̲v̲ārazm had been loosely attached administratively to Khorasan; and Aḥmad was presumably governor at the side of the indigenous ruling monarch, the Afrighid K̲v̲ārazmšāh. According to Ebn al-Aṭīr, Aḥmad sent an army of 5,000 men against the military adventurer Aḥmad Kojestānī in Nīšāpūr but was unable to dislodge him (Ebn al-Aṭīr, VII, p. 302); nothing further is known of him.

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