



AḤMAD SOLṬĀN AFŠĀR

AḤMAD SOLṬĀN AFŠĀR, Qizilbāš amir in the Safavid service. He is first mentioned under the orders of Amir Khan Mawṣellū, governor of Herat (*Ḥabīb al-sīar* [Tehran] IV, p. 403); he was in action against the Timurid prince, Moḥammad Zamān Mīrzā Bāyqarā, who had seized Balk in 922/1516 (see Riazul Islam, *Indo-Persian Relations*, Karachi, 1970, pp. 13-14). He was governor of Ṭūs and Mašhad in 927/1520-21 (*Ḥabīb al-sīar* IV, p. 585), but shortly afterwards he was replaced by Būrūn Solṭān. In 929/1522 the new governor of Khorasan, Dūrmīš Khan Šāmlū, appointed him governor of the following districts: Herāt Rūd; Langar-e Ġiātīya (i.e., Langar-e Amir Ġiāt-al-dīn in Bādġīs; see Moʿīn-al-dīn Moḥammad Zemiči Esfezārī, *Rawżāt al-jannāt fī awṣāf madīna Harāt*, ed. S. M. Kāẓem Emām, I, Tehran, 1338 Š./1959, p. 136); Sāḵar and Tūlak (mountain regions east of Herat, see *Joġrāfīā-ye Ḥāfeẓ Abrū*, ed. M. Heravī, Tehran, 1349 Š./1970, p. 28); Farāh; “Sabzavār” (i.e., Esfezār, south of Herat); Ūk and Qaḷʿa-gāh (forts between Farāh and Sīstān proper, see Esfezārī, I, p. 145, n. 1). Aḥmad Solṭān was present at the battle of Jām (935/1528), in which Shah Esmāʿīl I defeated the Uzbeks.