



ĀLČĪ

ĀLČĪ (“sealer”), a Turkish term (from *āl* “red seal”) designating an il-khanid chancery official. In Rašīd-al-dīn’s account of Ġāzān’s administrative reforms, *ālčīs* occur in the section concerned with preventing the misuse of *yarlīgs* (edicts) and *pāyīzas* (tablets of authority); they are forbidden to receive anything from anyone for affixing the *āl* to documents (Rašīd-al-dīn, *Jāme‘ al-tawārīk* III, ed. A. Alizade, Baku, 1957, p. 501). The *ālčī* was one of the first four principal chancery officials, and was responsible for affixing the *qara tamqā* (black seal) to chancery documents.

See also [Āl Tamgā](#).

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