



AMĪN ḲALWAT

AMĪN(-E) ḲALWAT (Trustee of the Shah's private household or court), an office and title in the late Qajar period held by the following members of the Ġaffārī family:

1. Mīrzā Hāšem Khan was the keeper of Nāṣer-al-dīn Shah's private funds (*rīāsāt-e edāra-ye šarf-e jīb-e mobārak*) until 1278/1861-62, when he was appointed *amīn(-e) ḳalwat* and the head of the court personnel (*rīāsāt-e 'amala-ye ḳalwat*), commander of the royal musketeers (*tofangdārān-e kāšša*), and the dean (*rīš-safīd*) of the Shah's household (*ḳalwat*). In 1288/1871 he was given a seat in the Consultative Assembly of the government (*Dār-al-šūrā-ye Kobrā*) and in the same year, after the death of his brother **Farroḳ Khan Amīn-al-dawla** (Šafar, 1288/May, 1871), the Shah granted him the latter's title and appointed him *wazīr-e hożūr* (M. 'A. Ġaffārī, *Ḳāṭerāt*, p. 34; Mostawfī, *Zendagānī-e man* I, p. 105). Hāšem Khan died in 1294/1877 and was buried in Qom (Bāmdād, *Rejāl* IV, pp. 413-15).

2. Moḥammad Khan Eqbāl-al-dawla (1264-1342/1848-1923), the son of Hāšem Khan, succeeded his father as *amīn-e ḳalwat* in 1288/1871. He also served as governor of Kāšān, Kermānšāh, and Isfahan and as minister of state lands (*wazīr-e koll-e ḳālešajāt*). In Šawwāl, 1299/August-September, 1882 the Shah granted him the title Eqbāl-al-dawla (Bāmdād, *Rejāl* III, pp. 214-15). He is buried in Qom.

3. Ġolām-Ḥosayn Khan Šāheh(-e) Eḳtīār (1276-1366/1859-1947), younger son of Hāšem Khan and brother of Moḥammad Khan; he was appointed *amīn-e*



kalwat and commander of the musketeers in Šawwāl, 1299/August-September, 1882. He also became the private secretary (*monšī-e ḥozūr*) of Nāšer-al-dīn Shah. In 1307/1889-90, as *amīn-e kalwat*, he was appointed the head of the court personnel. In 1309/1892, he received the *laqab* of *wazīr-e maḵšūš* and in Rajab, 1314/December, 1896, during the reign of Moẓaffar-al-dīn Shah, he was appointed minister of the court (*wazīr-e darbār-e a'zam*; see Afzal-al-molk, *Afzal al-tawārīk*, p. 57). This ministry seems to have gradually replaced *amīn-e kalwat*'s office and this title finally ended as purely a *laqab*. He held several cabinet posts and was the governor of Fārs (twice), Khorasan, and Tehran. He died at an advanced age after having served the last four kings of the Qajar dynasty.

4. Ḥasan-'Alī Khan (1267-1359 Š./1888-1980) nephew of the above; he received the *laqab* of *amīn-e kalwat* in 1325/1907 and became *mo'āwen-al-dawla* in 1337/1918 after his father, Moḥammad-Ebrāhīm Khan Ġaffārī (1276-1337/1859-1918).

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