



‘ĀQEL, MIRZA MOḤAMMAD

‘ĀQEL, MĪRZĀ MOḤAMMAD HONARVAR KHAN, Kashmiri poet and courtier who flourished in the first half of the 12th/18th century (B. D. K̄vošgū, *Safīna-ye K̄vošgū*, Patna, 1959, p. 275; Mīr Ġolām-‘Alī Āzād Belgrāmī, *Kezāna-ye ‘Āmera*, Cawnpur, 1900, p. 347). A pupil of the famous poet MīrZā ‘Abd-al-Qāder Bīdel, he spent most of his life in the service of Neẓām-al-molk Āṣaf-ĵāh, governor of the Deccan (1718-48), first as Dārōga-ye Farrāš-kāna and later on as Dārōga-ye Kezāna. He retired at an advanced age with great honors and returned from Awrangābād to Delhi. He left behind a voluminous *dīvān* of Persian poetry, which remains unpublished.

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