



ARTOXARES

ARTOXARES, a Paphlagonian eunuch at the court of Artaxerxes I and satrap of Armenia. He helped Darius II to ascend the throne and sometime after 419 B.C. laid a plot to overthrow him and was put to death (see J. Gilmore, *The Fragments of the Persika of Ktesias*, London and New York, 1888, pp. 168-169 and 171: 18.78-80 and 84). Probably he is the same person who is frequently referred to in documents from the archive of the Murašū business house in Nippur (Babylonia) in 443-419 B.C. under the name Artaḥšar as an important royal official, owner of land and many slaves (see for references König, "Artaḥšâra," *Reallexikon der Assyriologie*, ed. E. Ebeling et al., Berlin and Leipzig, 1928-, I, p. 156).

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