



'AZĪM NAVĀZ KHAN BAHĀDOR

'AZĪM NAVĀZ KHAN BAHĀDOR, MO'TAMED JANG 'OMDAT-AL-'OLAMĀ' MAWLAWĪ MOḤAMMAD SEBĠATALLĀH B. MOḤAMMAD ĠAWṬ (fl. 1859), the author of a Sunni account in Persian of the martyrdom of Imam Ḥosayn called *Dāstān-e ḡam* (completed in 1250/1834-35; Madras, 1843) and the superintendent of the compilation of the *'Azīm al-tawārīk*, a political and natural history of the Carnatic and of India in general. He was an official in the service of the nawabs of the Carnatic 'Azīm-al-dawla (1801-19) and A'zam Jāh (1820-25). The latter entrusted him with the project of the *'Azīm al-tawārīk*. 'Azīm Navāz Khan selected proper collaborators for various parts of the project and applied himself particularly to the history of the rulers of the Carnatic, from Moḥammad Sa'adatallāh Khan I (1700-32) to Nawab Moḥammad-'Alī Khan Bahādor Vālājāh (1749-95). The nawab's death, however, on 12 November 1825, left the work unfinished.

There is only one—incomplete—manuscript of *'Azīm al-tawārīk* extant, now in the India Office Library, London (MS 3216). It was originally planned to consist of seven *maqālas* and five *moqaddemas*, but the seventh *maqāla* (the Carnatic and Mysore history) is missing from the manuscript. It comprises (1) general introduction on the value of historiography, the sources of the Hindu period, and an outline of pre-Mohammedan Indian history; (2) history of the creation, the patriarchs, the Hindu rajās, and the rise of Islam in India; (3) the Ghaznavids; (4) the Delhi sultans to 'Alā'-al-dīn Ḳaljī; (5) the Delhi sultans from Bahlūl Lōdī; and (6) the Mughal emperors to Moḥammad Shah. These *maqālas* are followed by a portion called *Jāme' al-ašyā'* or *Hašt čaman* on natural



history.

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