



DASTŪR AL-KĀTEB FĪ TA'YĪN AL-MARĀTEB

DASTŪR AL-KĀTEB FĪ TA'YĪN AL-MARĀTEB, administrative manual written by Moḥammad Naḳjavānī (ca. 679/1280-after 768/1366), son of Fakr-al-Dīn Hendūšāh b. Sanjar Naḳjavānī, author of *Tajāreb al-salaf*. The work was commissioned during the reign of the Il-khan Abū Sa'īd (716-36/1316-35) by the vizier Ġiāṭ-al-Dīn Moḥammad, son of the great vizier Rašīd-al-Dīn Faḏl-Allāh. It provides a detailed and immensely valuable description of the machinery of government as it existed toward the end of the period of Mongol rule in Persia. It was not, however, completed during the lifetimes of Abū Sa'īd and Ġiāṭ-al-Dīn. It took nearly thirty more years to reach its definitive form and was ultimately dedicated to the Jalayerid sultan Shaikh Oways (757-76/1356-74). According to what is apparently the best manuscript (Köprülü Library, Istanbul, ms. no. 1241), dated 798/1396, Naḳjavānī finished the work in 761/1360, but revision and polishing (in Tabrīz) took until 767/1365-66. The work contains a great deal of information not found elsewhere, for example, information on legal procedures under the late Il-khanids (see Morgan, esp. pp. 174-76). It has been edited by A. A. Alizade (2 vols. in 3 pts., Moscow, 1964-76); the second volume (pt. 2, pp. 40-69) contains an introduction and a discussion of the whole work in English.



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