



## EBN DĀROST, MAJD-AL- WOZARĀ' MOḤAMMAD

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**EBN DĀROST, MAJD-AL-WOZARĀ' MOḤAMMAD** b. Maṣṣūr (d. Ahvā, 467/1074), vizier to the 'Abbasid caliph al-Qā'em from 15 Rabī' II 453/9 May 1061 to 4 Du'l-ḥejja 454/9 December 1062. He seems to have been a native of Fārs, where he had been a wealthy merchant connected with the Buyid *Abū Kālījār Marzbān*. With the arrival of the Saljuqs in Iraq, the caliph was once more able to choose his own vizier, and Ebn Dārost wrote to al-Qā'em from Shiraz asking for the vizierate, offering a large sum of money and stating that he required no *eqṭā'* (Ebn al-Aṭīr, X, p. 14; Bondārī, p. 23). It is not surprising that during his eighteen months in office he further lined his own pockets. His appointment had been strongly opposed by Toğrel's own vizier, the 'Amīd-al-Molk Kondorī (Bondārī, p. 22), at a time when relations were in any case strained over the question whether the proud 'Abbasid would let his daughter marry the parvenu Saljuq. Ebn Dārost played a role in the marriage negotiations, but his incompetence became manifest and the caliph dismissed him and restored his predecessor in the vizierate, Faḡr-al-Molk b. Jahīr. Ebn Dārost retired to Ahvāz (Ebn al-Aṭīr, X, p. 23). Ebn Dārost was a representative of the non-official classes, without a previous background in the Saljuq administration, hence opposed as both incompetent and corrupt by the professional bureaucrats.



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