



‘EBRAT, SAYYED MOḤAMMAD- QĀSEM

‘EBRAT, pen name of Sayyed MOḤAMMAD-QĀSEM, author of *Ebrat-nāma*, a history of the reigns of Awrangzēb’s successors, namely Bahādoršāh (d. 1124/1712), Jahāndāršāh (d. 1124/1713), and Farroḳ-sīar (d. 1131/1719), till the fall of the Sayyed Brothers (1135/1723). Very little is known about him. His father’s name was Sayyed Borhān-Allāh, who spent much of his life traveling in Deccan, Lucknow, and Multan. In 1130/1717-18 ‘Ebrat left his native town Lahore for Delhi and entered the service of Amīr-al-Omarā’ Ḥosayn-‘Alī Khan as administrator of revenues and finance. He wrote his history at the request of his patron’s sons. ‘Ebrat also wrote poetry and was interested mostly in composing chronograms. From a notebook (*bayāz*) left by him in his own handwriting it appears that he was still alive in 1171/1757-58 .

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