



EFTEKĀR DAWLATĀBĀDĪ, 'ABD-AL-WAHHĀB BOĶĀRĪ

EFTEKĀR DAWLATĀBĀDĪ, 'ABD-AL-WAHHĀB BOĶĀRĪ (b. Ahmadnagar, date unknown, d. Dawlatābād, 1190/1776; Malkāpūrī, pp. 205-09), Deccani biographer and poet in Urdu and Persian. According to his own account (*Taḍkera-ye bīnaẓīr*, pp. 33-34; cf. Belgrāmī, pp. 241-42), he was born and spent his early years in the Neẓāmšāhī capital, Ahmadnagar (q.v.), but later moved to Dawlatābād. After completing his studies in Persian and Arabic, theology, law, and medicine, he practiced as a physician. He also became interested in poetry and studied with Āzād Belgrāmī (q.v.; *Taḍkera-ye bīnaẓīr*, pp. 1-15).

Eftekār seems to have spent his early adult years in poverty, but in 1182/1768 he was a courtier of the Deccani chief Ašja'-al-Dawla Ğoyūr Jang ('Alī-Ḥasan, pp. 301-02). He was buried in the shrine of Borhān-al-Dīn Ğarīb in Dawlatābād.

Eftekār's poetry in both Persian and Urdu is not of the first rank (for some examples, see Malkāpūrī, pp. 205-09). He is best known for *Taḍkera-ye bīnaẓīr* (ed. S. Maṣṣūr 'Alī, Allahabad, 1940), a prose work of 1172/1758 comprising biographical notices on 135 Persian poets who lived in Persia and the Indian subcontinent in the last decade of the 17th century and the first six decades of the 18th; eighteen are unknown from previously published compendia (p. 9; cf. Golčīn-e Ma'ānī, *Taḍkerahā* I, pp. 194-203).



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