



EḤTEŠĀM-AL-DAWLA

EḤTEŠĀM-AL-DAWLA, SOLṬĀN OWAYS MĪRZĀ (1255-1310/1839-92), first son of Farhād Mīrzā Moʿtamed-al-Dawla Qājār (q.v.) and maternal grandson of Moḥammad-ʿAlī Mīrzā Dawlatšāh (q.v.). Initially, he served as personal attendant (*ājūdān-e ḥozūr*; Kormūjī, p. 258) to the shah with the title Eḥtešām-al-Molk. In 1282/1865 he was governor of Kohgīlūya and Behbahān. There he had a 15 km water canal constructed, which connected the river Tāb with Behbahān and improved the local economy. Upon his removal from this post in 1285/1869 he joined his father, who was then the governor of Kurdistan and who sent him to govern Hamadān as his deputy. Eḥtešām-al-Dawla was among the entourage of Nāṣer-al-Dīn Shah during the king's first European tour in 1290/1873. He was appointed governor of Fārs in 1305/1887 and remained in that post for four years. After his father's death in 1305/1877, he received the latter's title Moʿtamed-al-Dawla, and the title Eḥtešām-al-Dawla was bestowed upon his younger brother ʿAbd-al-ʿAlī Mīrzā (q.v.). As governor of Fārs, he contributed to the development of the province. He has been described as a knowledgeable and pleasant person to associate with.



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