



## ‘EMĀD-AL-ESLĀM

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‘EMĀD-AL-ESLĀM b. Moḥammad ‘Atīq-Allāh, K̄vāja, a vizier of the Timurid Sultan Ḥosayn Bāyqarā (r. 875-912/1470-1506; q.v), executed in Herat in 903/1498. Although the exact date of his appointment is not known, according to K̄vāndamīr (*Dastūr*, p. 433), he held the post of vizier for almost twenty years. He was the maternal uncle of Kamāl-al-Dīn Ḥosayn and Rašīd-al-Dīn ‘Abd-al-Malek, the sons of his more famous contemporary Neẓām-al-Molk Qewām-al-Dīn K̄aurāfī, appointed vizier by Sultan Ḥosayn in 876/1471-72. He was a figure of minor importance who probably obtained his position through his powerful brother-in-law, for he is not mentioned in such sources as the anonymous *Mo‘ezz al-ansāb*, ‘Aqīlī’s *Āṭār al-wozarā*, which was written for Neẓām-al-Molk, or the *Bābor-nāma*. According to K̄vāndamīr (*Dastūr*, p. 432), he was a mild-mannered and gentle fellow who occupied himself mainly with drinking wine and listening to music in the company of beautiful youths. It was apparently only because of his relationship to Neẓām-al-Molk, whom Sultan Ḥosayn conspired to eliminate from his government, that he was arrested and executed in Du‘l-qa‘da 903/June 1498, together with Neẓām-al-Molk and many other members of the latter’s family and supporters, including the two above-mentioned sons (for the reasons behind Neẓām-al-Molk’s downfall, see K̄vāndamīr, *Dastūr*, pp. 426-32; Wāṣefī, II, pp. 1205-11).



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