



FERİDUN AḤMED BEG, 'ABD-AL-QĀDER

FERİDUNAḤMED BEG (FEREYDŪN AḤMAD BAYG), 'ABD-AL-QĀDER, Ottoman secretary, administrator, head of the chancery, and author. A protégé of the famous grand vizier Moḥammad Pasha Şoqollū, Feridun Beg also distinguished himself at the siege of Szigetvár (974/1566) and was subsequently promoted to the posts of secretary of state and chancellor (*ra'īs al-kottāb* and *nešānjī*). He died on 21 Şafar 991/16 March 1583.

The *Monša'āt al-salāṭīn* (a chronogram for the date of its completion, 982/1575) is his most significant work, especially in relation to Persian history. According to Selānīkī (p. 173) the book contained a collection of 1,880 royal documents divided into eleven sets, each devoted to a single sultan (Selānīkī, p. 137). However, existing manuscripts and editions contain much less material. There are two printed editions using two different manuscripts (Istanbul 1264-65/1848-49 and 1274-75/1858). A detailed analysis by K. Holter (1939) shows that both editions contain only a fragment of the original collection and that, moreover, some documents belong to a different and anonymous collection added to the *Monša'āt al-salāṭīn* after Feridun Beg's death. Persian-Ottoman relations are documented by samples of correspondence with Jalayerid, Qara Qoyunlu, Aq Qoyunlu, and Safavid rulers. Out of the original collection, nine pages of correspondence with Shah Esmā'īl and thirty-six pages with Shah Ṭahmāsb have been preserved. Nineteen pages of correspondence with Shah 'Abbās I, six with Shah Şafī, and seven with Shah



‘Abbās II were taken over from the anonymous collection.

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