



GOLŠAN-E MORĀD

GOLŠAN-E MORĀD, a history of the Zand Dynasty (1164-1209/1751-94) by Mirzā Moḥammad Abu'l-Ḥasan Ġaffāri. Ġaffāri's father, Mirzā Mo'ezz-al-Din Moḥammad, was the governor of Kāšān and Qom under Karim Khan Zand. He had his son trained as a painter, but later let him follow in his footsteps as a secretary and administrator (several of Abu'l-Ḥasan's paintings, signed "al-Mostawfi" survive; the same family produced the Qajar court painters, Ṣani'-al-Molk Abu'l-Ḥasan Khan Ġaffāri and Kamāl-al-Molk Moḥammad Ġaffāri, qq.v.). Ġaffāri began writing his chronicle in 1194/1780, continued after a break in 1198/1783, when his patron 'Ali-Morād Khan Zand (q.v.) established his capital at Isfahan, and completed the first section (*maqāla*), on the reign of Karim Khan (1164-93/1751-79) and a biographical supplement on the notables, scholars, and writers of the age, before his death, probably in 1206 or 1207/1791-93 (Nārvand). A further section on the reigns of 'Ali-Morād and other Zand claimants up to 1199/1785 was added by his son, Mirzā Moḥammad-Bāqer. There are two known MSS, in the Malik Library in Tehran (No 4333, dated 1210/ 1796—not 1201, as erroneously mentioned in some catalogues) and the British Library (Or. 3592, dated 1887), and a modern edition.

The voluminous *Golšan-e morād* is the most detailed and generally most reliable of the Zand chronicles for the period after 1168/1755, despite some inaccuracies of detail for the later years of Karim Khan's rule, when Ġaffāri was apparently in Kāšān rather than in the capital, Shiraz. The *taḍkera*-style biographical section (pp. 387-461) is particularly valuable for the social and



cultural history of the period (cf. Perry, 244).

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