



GONĀBĀDI, 'EMĀD-AL-DIN MOḤAMMAD

GONĀBĀDI (or Jonābādi), **'EMĀD-AL-DIN MOḤAMMAD** b. Zayn-al-'Ābedin b. Neẓām-al-Din Moḥammad (b. 19 Šawwāl 817/2 January 1415), Timurid financial officer and vizier. He belonged to a *sayyed* family from Gonābād, a village in the Qohestān region (Faṣiḥ, III, pp. 97, 149, 214; *Maṭla'-e sa'dayn*, ed. Šafi', II/1, p. 288). According to K̲vāndamir (p. 362), he entered the service of Šāhroḡ (r. 807-50/1405-47) after the death of his father (after 829/1425-26), who had served for some time as the vizier of Timur. In 847/1443, he was appointed by Jalāl-al-Din Firuzšāh, Šāhroḡ's most powerful amir, to control the financial affairs of Balk. Šāhroḡ had received information that deputies of amirs in Balk misappropriated revenues coming from Delhi, which used to be carried via Balk to Herat. He therefore secretly ordered 'Emād-al-Din to investigate the matter as well as the tax revenues of the region for the previous three years. Since he alone did not have access to the matters of deputies of amirs, he carried out the task in the service of Mirzā Moḥammad Juki b. Šāhroḡ, who spent the winter of that year in the Balk region. In 848/1444, he presented to Šāhroḡ, in the presence of Firuzšāh, the register (*daftar*), which proved the misappropriation of funds by the amirs (Samarqandi II/2, pp. 794, 837 ff.; K̲vāndmir, pp. 362-63; Ando, 1992, pp. 151 f.). After Šāhroḡ's death, 'Emād-al-Din entered Uluḡ Beg's service and eventually became his vizier in 852/1448 (K̲vāndamir, p. 363; 'Oqayli, p. 345). *Mo'ezz al-ansāb* (pp. 140b, 146a) refers to him as one of the *divāniān* (ranking officials) under 'Abd-al-Laṭif b. Uluḡ Beg (r. 1449-50) and Bābor b. Bāysonḡor (r. 1449, 1450-57). According to 'Oqayli (p.



345), he also entered the service of Mirzā Solṭān Sanjar b. Aḥmad b. ‘Omar Šayḵ (d. 1459) in the reign of Bābor, but died soon after. He is said to have been versed in astrology, history, and other sciences of the time (‘Oqayli, p. 345).

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