

## VAQF-NĀMA OF 'OTHMĀN-AGHA

*AUTHOR.* Some official jurist.

*TITLE. CONTENTS.* Title-deed of endowment (in Arabic) by 'Othmān-agma b. 'Abd al-Raḥmān, Chief Eunuch of the palace and inspector of the vaqfs assigned to the Holy Places, builder of Bilāl's sepulchre in Damascus (f. 10b). The act refers to the cathedral mosque built by the donor in Cairo, in the quarter al-Jabā'īya, near the pond called Birkat al-Fil (f. 8a). For the upkeep of the mosque are assigned: tanneries (*madābiḡh*) situated on the road of Bulaq, with shops, mills, wells, stores. F. 12a, duties of the manager (*mutawallī*), the secretary, the imām, and the other members of the staff; f. 18b, authorized daily expenditure; f. 20b, appointment of Dāvūd-agma as inspector of the endowment, &c. f. 25a, approval of the act by six ministers (signatures lacking).

*SIZE. FOLIOS.* 26.7 × 17.1 cm.; written surface 14 × 8.2 cm.; 9 lines; 26 folios.

*BINDING.* Brown-red leather, flap, centre design on gold ground; gold cord and line borders. Inside, grey-blue leather, gold rule.

*SCRIPT. PAPER.* Naskh, within gold rules. Thin, firm, polished, ivory-toned paper.

*SCRIBE. DATE.* Middle of Muḥarram 1010/middle of July 1601.

*PROVENANCE.* Sealed on every page ('Othmān-agma and 'Alī?). F. 3a, a line of script: 'I agree; let a *tughrā* be drawn', probably in Sulṭān Muḥammad III's own handwriting; f. 3b, endorsement by the qāḍī-asker of Anatolia Shams al-dīn b. Aṭā-allāh.

*MINIATURES. ILLUMINATION.* F. 1b, decorated heading, with blank gold oval on flowered blue and gold grounds; above, shaped ornament in red, gold, and blue. F. 3a, a *tughrā* in gold and colours, line of script above within a cloud-form of coloured flowers on gold ground; blue and red borders to it. Text within a gold and blue rule; quotations from the Qor'ān, &c., in gold; gold dots among script.