

### I. NOTES

1. The text of this document was published in Sardār As'ad's Tārīkh Bakhtiyārī (lithio., Tehran, 1333/1914), pp. 151-152.

### II. THE DOCUMENT (Sardār As'ad Collection)

This raqam is by far the largest--ca. 75 x 40 cm--and most imposing of the eighteenth century document relating to the Bakhtiyārī. The document is written in nasta'liq, and is centered left, with the text running up the left margin. Isma'īl III's--Karīm Khan's Safavid puppet who at this early date is still taken seriously--domed-block seal, which reads "In the Name of God, the slave of the King of Sanctity [Alī], Isma'īl." This seal is centered in the top margin. On the dorse are seven seals and six signatures (unread). Karīm Khan's seal, which appears on all subsequent Bakhtiyārī documents, is not found on this one.

The siyāq, 350 tūmans, above line 16 represents half of the total written in the document as confirmation [?] that the figure is correct.

### III. SIGNIFICANCE

1. Abdāl, son of Alī Ṣāliḥ, is appointed governor of Irāq (West-central Iran) with an annual stipend of 700 tūmans.