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MAGOMED HUSEYN TABRIZI AND BURHANI-KATI DICTIONARY

Maqomed Tabrizi composed Burhani-kati dictionary which in terms of its volume and alphabetical order is a valuable and important contribution to the Persian lexicography of the 17th century. This dictionary met in Turkey with a great interest was translated by linguist Asim Efendi and was named by him as Tibyan-i nafi der tercüme-i Burhan-i kati.

Handwritten copies of Burhani-kati dictionary are present in different libraries and museums around the world in large numbers and there exists a sufficient number of lithographic printings and copies. This fact confirms that it is the source which has been neglected for a long time.

In general, Burhani-kati dictionary has become the object of various investigations and drawn the attention of the scholars not only in Iran but also in Turkey. So, if the fact that the Persian language was wide spreading in India in 17th century, and it lead to the creation of such kind of a dictionary, the fact that Burhani-kati dictionary was wide spreading in Turkey can be explained by the utmost interest to the Ottoman literature as well as the usage of the words of Persian-Arab origin which were difficult for understanding.