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PREFACE.

THE coins of the Khalifehs of the House of Umayyeh possess an interest peculiarly their own. Unlike those of the 'Abbasis, historically they are of little value. is not from the historian's standpoint that we should view them. Their true worth lies in their being the first purely-Mohammadan coinage that was issued by the Arabs. We picture to ourselves the Khalifeh 'Abd-El-Melik, wearied with the difficulties and ignominy of an adopted currency, calling together the wise men of his court, and constructing a new coinage, full of the spirit that had fired the East and well-nigh conquered the world. We cannot but be struck with the contrast between these early Muslim issues and the Byzantine and late Sassanian coins which were at first adopted by the Arabs. The difference between the debased art of the Byzantine and the decayed ruins of what had once been the fine Sassanian coinage, on the one hand, and the simple chaste outlines of the first standard coins of the Muslims, on the other, is the difference between decrepit and demoralized nations and a people full of the fresh vigour of youth. There is a power in the design of these earliest monuments of El-Islam for which we may look in vain among coinages contemporary with it; and the strong bold lines of the Kūfī character well express the mighty impulse which urged on the followers of the Prophet.

It is not only as the expression of the power of the greatest revolution which the Middle Ages witnessed that these coins are to be prized. Though their historical worth is slight, and scarcely, in fact, bears upon anything but the territorial extent of the Muslim empire, yet palæographically they are greatly to be valued, as the earliest and most authoritative examples of the Kūfī character, the progenitor of the characters now in use from Morocco to India. Moreover, as their Prophet sternly discouraged the fine arts, the Arabs devoted themselves with exceptional success to the study of calligraphy. They had a character well worth cultivating, one of which we see the earliest record on the Amawī coins, and of which the latest and perhaps most beautiful form is the Naskhī of modern Egypt.

It has been the happiness of Oriental Numismatists to have received last year an exhaustive work on the coins of the Eastern Khalīfehs,* both Amawī and 'Abbāsī, from the hands of Dr. Wold. Tiesenhausen. To overestimate the value of this book is impossible, and we cannot be too grateful to Dr. Tiesenhausen for the labour he has bestowed upon the work,—labour which was not illspent, for it has conferred upon the science of numismatics a benefit such as few have been able to give.

Dr. Tiesenhausen has placed before us the whole coinage of the Khalīfehs of the East so far as that coinage was published. There are, however, some collections with respect to the contents of which little or nothing is publicly known. Such, so far as Oriental coins are concerned, are the cabinets of Paris, London, and of Col. Seton Guthrie.+

It is with the view of remedying this defect, as to Col. Guthrie's collection at least, and of supplementing Dr.

^{*} Monnaies des Khalifes Orientaux, 4to., St. Petersb., 1873. I refer to this book throughout by the initial (T.) after every edited coin.

[†] Of this last, indeed, some large portions have been published by Mr. Thomas.

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Tiesenhausen's work with some thirty or forty unpublished coins, that this Catalogue has been drawn up. The series which it describes is scarcely, if at all, inferior to the corresponding portion in the British Museum, and an estimate may be formed of the rarities contained in it by reference to the list of Inedited coins at the end: the dīnār of Afrīķiyeh, and the dirhems of Sarakhs 99, Sūķ-el-Ahwāz 79, and Meysān 95, 96, are especially noteworthy. The last coin in the series, struck by the advocate of the 'Abbāsīs, Abū-Muslim, is very curious, though already published.

The arrangement of the coins in this Catalogue is entirely new. I have separated the gold from the silver, and classed the latter under Mints instead of under Khalīfehs. At present I will only say that this arrangement is far more convenient for reference, and I will reserve the ground for the adoption of this classification for an essay, which I hope before long to bring out, on the Coinage of the Amawī Khalīfehs, in which I propose treating of several points in this coinage which have hitherto been overlooked or not investigated as they deserve.

The copper issues of the Amawis I keep back to be described in connection with the 'Abbāsī copper, after the gold and silver of the 'Abbāsīs have been catalogued.

An important feature in this Catalogue is the invariable registration of the annulets which surround the marginal inscriptions.* The diacritical and other points, also, are recorded whenever they occur. These with the annulets will take a prominent place in my future essay.

^{*} Prof. J. G. Stickel of Jena, unlike most numismatists, has paid attention to this detail of recording the annulets: this is only one of the many distinguishing points which raise his *Handbuch zur morgenländischen Münzkunde* (erstes Heft, 1845, Omajjaden- und Abbasiden-Münzen) to the very first rank amongst the classics of numismatics, if I may use the term.

The plates accompanying the Catalogue are designed to give a tolerably complete view of the Amawī coinage, and with that object are unusually numerous. The photographic (Autotype) process by which they were produced insures the exact representation of any peculiarities that appear on the coins. The figures on the plates refer to the numbers in the Catalogue.

Exception will probably be taken to my method of spelling Oriental names. Notably the word $Amaw\bar{\imath}$, as a substitute for the time-honoured but most objectionable mongrel Ommiade, will be considered an unwarrantable innovation. The only other grammatical form—and this would be equally offensive to Ommiadists—is $Umaw\bar{\imath}$, and to this $Amaw\bar{\imath}$ is undoubtedly to be preferred.

In conclusion I wish to express my thanks to my kind friend Col. Guthrie for the free use he has permitted me to make of the whole of his valuable collection, and for the confidence in me which he has shown by putting the present work into my hands.

STANLEY LANE POOLE.

British Museum, Feb. 6, 1874.



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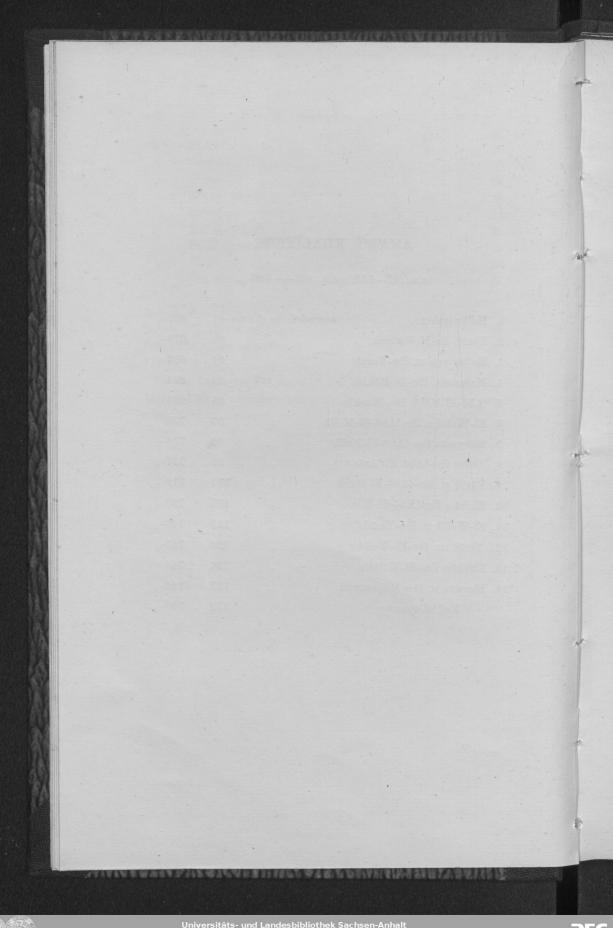
In the Catalogue I have, like Dr. Tiesenhausen, followed the Arabic order of alphabet; but in the Indexes the English, for convenience of reference.



AMAWĪ KHALĪFEHS.

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AMAWĪ KHALĪFEHS.

GOLD.

1.

Year 78.

I. Area.

الله وحده

لا شريك له

محمد رسول الله ارسله بالهدى ودين الحق ليظهره Margin.

على الدين كله ولو كرة المشركون

II. Area.

الله احد الله

الصمد لم يلد

ولم يولد

Margin.

بسم الله ضرب هذا الدينرفى سنة ثمان وسبعين

A (T. 274)

2.

Year 79 (في سنة تسع وسبعين).

N (T. 275)

3.

Year 81 (سنة احدى وثمنين).

سردک ضرب احد Points.

N (cf. T. 290)

Year 82 (سنة ثنتين وثمنين).

Points. بولد

N (Inedited)

5.

Year 83 (سنة ثلث وثمنين).

Points. بولد

N (T. 301)

6.

Year 84 (سنة اربع وثمنين).

Points. بولد

A (T. 305)

7.

Year 86 (سنة ست وثمنين).

Point. فرب

A' (T. 311)

8.

Year 88 (سنة ثمان وثمنين).

Points. الدبر

A (T. 318)

9.

Year 89 (سنة تسع وثمنين).

Points. الدبسر

N (T. 322)

10.

Year 91 (سنة أحدى وتسعين),

صرب بولد Points.

N (T. 345)

11.

Year 92 (سنة ثنتين وتسعين).

Point. O

A (T. 363)

12.

Year 94 (سنة اربع وتسعين).

N (T. 393)

Year 95 (سنة خمس وتسعين). A (T. 410)

Year 96 (سنة ست وتسعين). A (T. 431)

Year 97 (سنة سبع وتسعين). A (T. 442)

Year 98 (سنة ثمان وتسعين).

Point. Co

N (T. 454)

17.

Year 99 (سنة تسع وتسعين).

Point, O

A (T. 467)

Year 100 (نسنة مسنة).*

Point. Upo

A (T. 475)

19.

Year 101 (سنة احدى ومسة).

Point. One

N (T. 489)

Year 102 (سنة ثنتين وسنة).

Point. Of. Inedited. cf. T. 495)



^{*} My system of transcribing coin-inscriptions does not permit me to write the hemzeh over the middle letter of and, and the two dots which some writers put beneath are orthographically inadmissible.

(سنة ثلث وسنة) Year 103

Point. -

A (T. 502)

22.

Year 104 (سنة اربح ومنة).

A (T. 509)

23.

Year 105 (سنة خمس ومسة).

Point. -

N (Inedited)

Year 106 (سنة ست وسنة).

Points. (?)

A (T. 523)

25.

(سنة احدى عشرة ومسة) Year 111

N (cf. T. 555)

Year 120 (سنة عشرين ومنة).

A (T. 601)

Year 121 (سنة احدى وعشرين ومنة). A (T. 609)

Year 122 (سنة ثنتين وعشرين ومسة). N (cf. T. 613)

(بافريقية سنة اثنتين وعشرين ومسة) Afrīķiyeh year 122

Point. due

Beneath rev. area two points, which do not, I think, belong to يولد N (Inedited)

This is one of the very few minted dīnārs struck by the Amawīs or their deputies: the only others being those of Wasit 99, and El-Andalus 102 and 103.

Year **124** (سنة اربع وعشرين وسنة). A (T. 617)

Year 126 (سنة ست وعشرين ومنة). N (T. 625)

SILVER.

ابرشهر

ABRASHAHR.

32.

Year 92.

I. A. الله وحده لا شریک له

بسم الله ضرب هذا الدرهم بابرشهر في سنة اثنتين وتسعين .M

الله احد الله II. A. الصمد لم يلد و لم يولد ولم يكن له كفوا احد

> محمد رسول الله ارسله بالهدى ودين الحق ليظهره على . M. الدين كله ولو كرة المشركون

The obv. inscrip. inclosed by triple serrate circle, outside which five annulets, and then an outer serrate circle. Rev. area inscr. separated from marg. inser. by single serrate circle; marg. inser. inclosed by single serrate circle, outside which five annulets, then outer serrate circle.

Point. ()

Annulets I. & II. o o o o o

R (Inedited)

أردشيرخرة

ARDESHĪR KHURRAH.

33.

(باردشیر خرق فی سنة تسعین) Year 90 (باردشیر خرق فی سنة تسعین).

Annulets as on (32).

(T. 332)

34.

(باردسير خرة في سنة احدى وتسعين) Year 91.

Annulets as on (32).

(T. 2724)

35

(باردشير خرة في سنة ست وتسعين) Year 96

Annulets as on (32).

(Inedited)

36.

(باردشير خرة في سنة ثمان وتسعين) Year 98

Annulets as on (32).

(T. 458)

31.

(باردشیر خرة فی سنة تسع وتسعین) Year 99

Annulets as on (32).

(The word just indistinct.)

(Inedited)

AMAWI KHALIFEHS.

أرصينية

ARMĪNIYEH.

38.

(بارمینیة سنة سبع ومسة) Year 107

Annulets as on (32).

(T. 532)

إصطخر

ISTAKHR.

39.

(باصطخر في سنة تسعين) Year 90

Annulets as on (32).

(T. 339)

40.

. (باصطغر في سنة اثنتين وتسعين) Year 92

Point. a

Annulets as on (32).

(T. 2726)

41.

(باصطخر في سنة ست وتسعين) Year 96

Annulets as on (32).

(T. 2729)

42.

(باصطنحرفي سنة ثمان وتسعين) Year 98

Point. W

Annulets as on (32).

(T. 457)

В

أفريقية AFRĪĶIYEH.

43.

(بافریقیة سنة ست وسنة) Year 106 (بافریقیة سنة ست وسنة).

Annulets I. & II. oo oo oo oo

(Inedited)

الباب

EL-BAB.

44.

(بالباب سنة عشرين ومسة) Year 120

II. o o o o o (T. 604)

البصرة

EL-BASRAH.

45.

(بالبصرة في سنة ثمنين) Year 80

Annulets I. & II. o o o o o

(T. 283)

46.

Year **81** (بالبصرة في سنة احدى وثمنين). Annulets as on (45).

(T. 292)

47.

(بالبصرة في سنة ثنتين وثمنين).

Annulets as on (45).

T. 298

The engraver has omitted to join the عنت to the final نتتين to the final نتال. and, the في being tall, the word looks like ثنتال.



The preceding three coins, contrary to the analogy of the series, have the conj. which connects لم يولد with لم يولد at the beginning of the third line, instead of at the end of the second.

48.

Year 100 (بالبصرة سنة مسة).
Annulets as on (45).

(T. 478)

49.

Year 101 (بالبصرة سنة احدى ومسة).
Annulets as on (45).

(T. 493)

50.

Year 128 (بالبصرة سنة ثمان وعشرين ومسة). Annulets I. () () () ()

II. 0 0 0 0 0

(Inedited)

مدينة بلغ البيضاء

MEDINET BALKH EL-BEYDA.

51.

البمدينة بلخ البيضا سنة احدى عشرة وسمة) Year 111 (مدينة بلخ البيضا سنة احدى عشرة وسمة).

Annulets (on obv. points) I.:

II. 0 0 0 0 0

(T.558)

التيمرة

ET-TEYMERAH.

52.

Year 90 (بالتيمرة في سنة تسعين).

Annulets I. & II. o o o o o

(T. 338)

53.

Year 91 (بالتيمرة في سنة احدى وتسعين). Annulets as on (52).

(T. 359)

الجزيرة

EL-JEZIREH.

54.

Year 129 (بالبجزيرة سنة تسع وعشرين ومسة).

Annulets I. (((رالبجزيرة سنة تسع وعشرين ومسة).

(T.642)

This and the following coin depart, alone of all the series, from the general analogy of the whole class by separating the marginser. of the obv. from the annulets by two instead of three serrate circles, the third circle being removed to the outside of the annulets.

55.

Year 131 (بالجزيرة سنة احدى وثلثين وسنة).
Annulets and circles as on (54).

(Inedited)

جي

JAYY.

56.

Year 81 (محمى في سنة احدى وثمنين). Annulets I. & II. ٥ ٥ ٥ ٥ ٥

(T. 293)*

The conj. is on this coin placed at the beginning of the third line of the rev., as on nos. 45-47.

57.

Year 94 (بحی فی سنة اربع وتسعین) .
Annulets as on (56).

(T.399)

58.

Year 97 (جيى في سنة سبع وتسعين).
Annulets as on (56).

(Inedited)

(For a coin struck at Jayy by Abū-Muslim in 129 see p. 35).



^{*} The final letter of حدى, supposed by Frähn (apud T.) to be , is, I think, really the back-turned form (_) of _, badly executed.

دبيل

DEBĪL.

59.

Year **84** (بدبیل سنة اربع وثمنین). Annulets as on (56).

(Inedited)

The final letter of دبيل does not extend above the line of the tops of the preceding براي and would therefore appear to be a ب or بن: but I am nevertheless of opinion that the word is Debīl, partly because none of the rēs occurring on the coin extends below the line of the connecting strokes of با and با and such-like letters, whilst this final letter does so extend; and partly because Debīl is already a known mint (cf. T. 314) and the capital of Armenia, whereas Debīr is only a village near Nīsābūr. The other alternative, Dubbeyn, does not, so far as I know, exist as the name of a town: it is mentioned in the Adnotationes to the Marāṣid el-iţţilā (T. v. p. 433) as a district, 'pagus trans Jordanem prope

دراجرد

DARĀBJARD.

60.

Year **90** (بدربجرد فی سنة تسعین). Annulets as on (56).

(T. 340)

61

Year 92 (بدر بجرد في سنة ثنتين وتسعين).
Annulets as on (56).

(T. 371)

62.

Year 93 (بدر بجرد في سنة ثلث وتسعين).

Annulets as on (56).

(T. 381)

Year **94** (بدر بجرد في سنة اربع وتسعين).
Annulets as on (56).

(T.406)

64.

Year 98 (بدر بجرد في سنة ثمان وتسعين).
Annulets as on (56).

(T. 463)

دستوا

DESTUWĀ.

65.

Year 96 (بدستوا في سنة ست وتسعين).
Annulets as on (56).

(T.436)

دمشق

DIMASHK.

66.

Year 79 (بدمشق في سنة تسع وسبعين).

Annulets as on (56).

(T. 276)

67.

Year 80 (بدمشی فی سنة ثمنین).

Annulets as on (56).

(T. 281)

68.

Year **81** (بدمشق سنة احدى وثمنين).

Annulets as on (56).

(T. 291)

Year 82 (بدمشق سنة ثنتين وثمنين).

Point. بدمسی

Annulets as on (56).

(T. 297)

70

Year 83 (بدمشق سنة ثلث وثمنين).

Point. بدمسی

Annulets as on (56).

(T.302)

71

(بدمشق سنة اربع وثمنيق) Year 84

Point. بدمسی

Annulets as on (56).

(T. 306)

72.

(بدمشق سنة خمس وثمنين).

Point. بدهسی

Annulets as on (56).

(T. 2722)

73.

Year 86 (بدمشق سنة ست وثمنين).

Points. ----

Annulets as on (56).

(T. 312)

74.

Year 87 (بدمشق سنة سبع وثمنين).

صرب بدمسی Points.

Annulets as on (56).

(T. 315)

(بدمشق سنة ثمان وثمنين).

صرب بدمسى Points.

Annulets as on (56).

(T. 319)

76.

(بدمشق سنة تسع وثمنين) Year 89.

صرب بدمسی Points.

Annulets as on (56).

(T. 323)

77.

Year 90 (بدمشق سنة تسعين).

Point. بدهسی

Annulets as on (56).

(T. 326)

78.

(بدمشق سنة احدى وتسعين).

Points. صرب بدمسی

Annulets as on (56).

(T.346)

79.

(بدمشق سنة ثلث وتسعس).

Points. صرب بدمسی Annulets as on (56).

(T. 377)

80.

Same:

but no points.

81.

Year 94 (بده مشق سنة اربع وتسعين).

Annulets as on (56).

(T. 394)

(بدمسق سنة خمس وتسعين) Year 95 (بدمسق سنة خمس

Annulets as on (56).

(T. 411)

83.

(بدمشق سنة ست وتسعين) Year 96

صرب بدمسی ست Points.

Annulets as on (56).

(T. 432)

84.

Same:

but no points.

85.

(بدمشق سنة سبع وتسعين) Year 97

Point. -

Annulets as on (56).

(T.443)

86.

(بدمشق سنة ثمان وتسعين) Year 98

Point. Ope

Annulets as on (56).

(T. 455)

87.

(بدمشق سنة تسع وتسعين) Year 99

Point. -

Annulets as on (56).

(T. 469)

88.

(بدمشق سنة مسة) Year 100 (بدمشق

Point. -

Annulets as on (56).

(T.477)

(بدمشق سنة احدى ومسة) Year 101

Point. -

Annulets as on (56).

(Inedited)

90.

(بدمشق سنة ثنتين ومسة) Year 102

Point. -

Annulets as on (56).

(T. 498)

91.

(بدمشتى سنة ثلث ومسة) Year 103

Point. -

Annulets as on (56).

(Inedited)

92.

(بدمشق سنة اربح ومسة) Year 104

Point. -

Annulets as on (56).

(T.512)

93.

(بدمشق سنة خمس ومسة) Year 105

Point. -

Annulets as on (56).

(T. 518)

94.

Same:

but no point.



(بدمشق سنة ست ومسة) Year 106

Point. -

Annulets as on (56).

(T. 524)

96.

(بدمشق سنة سبع ومسة) Year 107

Point. -

Annulets as on (56).

(Inedited)

97

(بدمشق سنة ثمان ومسة) Year 108

Annulets as on (56).

(T. 2746)

98.

(بدمشق سنة احدى عشرة ومسة) Year 111

Annulets as on (56).

(T. 556)

99.

البدمشق سنة ثلث عشرة ومسة) Year 113 (بدمشق

Annulets as on (56).

(T. 2747)

100.

(بدمشق سنة اربع عشرة ومسة) Year 114 (بدمشق

Annulets as on (56).

(T. 571)

101.

الدمشق سنة خمس عشرة ومسة) Year 115 (بدمشق سنة خمس

Annulets as on (56).

(Inedited)

102.

(بدمشق سنة سبع عشرة ومسة) Year 117

Annulets as on (56).

(Inedited)

(بدمشق سنة ثمان عشرة ومسة) Year 118

Annulets invisible, the coin having been clipped.

(T. 588)

104.

Year 121 (بدمشق سنة احدى وعشرين ومنة).
Annulets effaced.

(Inedited)

105.

(بدمشق سنة ثلث وعشرين ومسة) Year 123

Point. Il il I

Annulets as on (56).

(Inedited)

106.

(بدمشق سنة اربع وعشرين ومنة) Year 124

Annulets as on (56).

(Inedited)

107.

Year 127 (بدمشق سنة سبع وعشرين ومسة).

Annulets as on (56).

(T. 632)

108.

(بدمشق سنة احدى وثلثين ومسة) Year 131

Annulets as on (56).

(T. 2753)

الرَّى

ER-RAYY.

109.

(بالرى في سنة سبع وتسعين) Year 97

Annulets as on (56).

(Inedited)

سابور

SĀBŪR.

110.

Year 84 (بسابور في سنة اربح وثمنين).
Annulets as on (56).

(Inedited)

111.

Year 91 (بسابور في سنة احدى وتسعين).

Annulets as on (56).

(T. 362)

112.

Year 92 (بسابور في سنة ثنتين وتسعين).
Annulets as on (56).

(T. 366)

113.

(بسابور في سنة ثلث وتسعين) Year 93

Annulets as on (56).

(T. 391)

114.

(بسابور في سنة اربح وتسعين) Year 94

Annulets as on (56).

(T. 403)

115.

(بسابور في سنة ثمان وتسعين) Year 98

Point. بسابور

Annulets as on (56).

(T. 459)

سجستان

SIJISTĀN.

116.

Year 90 (بسجستان في سنة تسعين).

Annulets as on (56).

(T. 335)

117.

البسجتان في سنة ثلث وتسعين) Year 93 (بسجتان

Annulets as on (56).

(Inedited)

سرخس

SARAKHS.*

118.

Year 99 (بسرخس في سنة تسع وتسعين).

A pellet under tau

Annulets as on (56).

(Inedited)

This is the first coin of this mint that has ever been published. The British Museum possesses a similar coin of the year 92, as may be seen by a reference to the plate attached to my essay on the Mint Characteristics of Arabic Coins. See also Mr. Thomas's Comments on Recent Pehlvi Decipherments, p. 31.

^{*} The name is also spelt Sarkhas, but the orthography I have adopted seems to be held in better esteem.

سرق

SURRAK.

119.

Year 90 (بسرق في سنة تسعين).

Annulets as on (56).

(T. 342)

120.

(بسرق في سنة اربح وتسعين) Year 94 (بسرق في سنة اربح

Annulets as on (56).

(T. 2728)

سوق الأهواز

SŪĶ-EL-AHWĀZ.

121.

(بسوق الاهوز في سنة تسع وسبعين) Year 79

Annulets as on (56).

(Inedited)

This is a fifth added to the four hitherto-known mints that struck coins in the year 79: Dimashk, $El-K\bar{u}feh$, Jayy, $F\bar{\iota}l$, to which we now add $S\bar{u}k$ - $el-Ahw\bar{u}z$.

122.

(بسوق الأهوز في سنة ثمنين) Year 80

Annulets as on (56).

(Inedited)

123

(بسوق الاهوز في سنة اربع وتسعين) Year 94

Annulets as on (56).

(T.407)

(بسوق الاهواز في سنة ست وتسعين) Year 96

(The I inserted in the word الاهواز)
Annulets as on (56).

(cf. T. 2730)

الشّاميّة

ESH-SHĀMĪYEH.

125.

(بالشامية سنة احدى وثلثين ومنة) Year 131

Annulets I. 00 00 00 00 00 II. 0 0 0 0 0

(Inedited)

A similar coin of the same year is to be found in the British Museum (see the table in my *Mint Char.*, *Num. Chron.* N.S. XIII. pl. 1).

I am quite unable to identify this mint with any known town. No name corresponding in the least with this is to be found in the *Marāṣid-el-iṭṭilā*', or in Yākūt's works. There can be no doubt whatever as to the name delineated on the coin: every character is perfectly distinct, and we are forced to read work, though of course this might be Es-Sāmiyeh, by omitting the points: I think the penultimate letter must be a so. There is not the slightest trace of a connection between the *alif* and the following mīm, by which the *alif* would be turned into a lām. Señ. Camarino seems to read it Es-Sāmiyat (i.e. Es-Sāmiyeh): see Mr. Thomas's *Comments*, p. 31.

ڪرمان *. KARMĀN

126.

(بكرمان في سنة تسعين) Year 90 (بكرمان في سنة تسعين).

Annulets I. & II. o o o o o

(Inedited)



^{*} This spelling is preferable to Kirmān.

(بكرمان في سنة سبع وتسعين) Year 97

Annulets as on (126).

(T. 2737)

الكوفة

EL-KÜFEH.

128.

(بالكوفة سنة احدى ومنة) Year 101

Annulets as on (126).

(T. 492)

129.

(بالكوفة سنة اثنتين ومنة) Year 102

Annulets I. oo o oo o

II. 0 0 0 0 0

(T. 2743)

130.

(بالكوفة سنة تسع وعشرين ومنة) Year 129

Annulets I. oo oo oo oo oo

II. 0 0 0 0 0

(T. 643)

ماهي

MĀHĪ.

131.

(بماهى في سنة تسعين) Year 90

Annulets I. & II. o o o o o

(T. 341)

C

Year 92 (بماهى فى سنة اثنين وتسعين).
Annulets as on (131).

(T. 368)

This is the first coin in this series on which I find the grammatical mistake of using the masculine form اثنين of the dual numeral in adjectival connection with the feminine noun سنة. On all the preceding coins the correct feminine form اثنين has been employed. The latter form ثنتين which very commonly takes the place of اثنين has been almost universally misread by numismatists: they generally transcribe the word as my experience goes) is uniformly opposed to the form of the letter, the connecting line between the first stroke and the second proving the former stroke to be a thē. Only one other example of the occurrence of the word is liking.

133.

(بماهي في سنة ست وتسعين) Year 96

Annulets as on (131).

(Broken.)

(Inedited)

المباركة

EL-MUBĀRAKEH.

134.

(بالمبركة سنة ثمان ومنة) Year 108

(Inedited)

135.

Same:

but on I. A. over the ش of شریک three points :,

apparently counterstamped.

(بالمبركة سنة سبع عشرة ومنة) Year 117

Annulets as on (134).

(T. 2749)

المذار

EL-MEDHĀR.

137.

(بالمذار في سنة ست وتسعين) Year 96

Annulets I. & II. o o o o o

(Inedited)

No coin of this mint has hitherto been published.

مرو

MARW.

138.

(بمرو في سنة احدى وتسعين) Year 91 (بمرو

Annulets as on (137).

(T. 351)

139.

(بمرو في سنة ثلث وتسعين) Year 93 (بمرو في سنة ثلث

Annulets as on (137).

(T. 392)

140.

(بمرو في سنة خمس وتسعين) Year 95

Annulets as on (137).

(T.418)

141.

(بمرو في سنة ست وتسعين) Year 96

Annulets as on (137).

(Inedited)

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(بمرو في سنة سبع وتسعين) Year 97

Pellet under مسك

Annulets as on (137).

(T.452)

143.

(بمرو في سنة تسع وتسعين) Year 99

الا سرىك له Pellet under

Annulets as on (137).

It is impossible to say whether the pellet belongs to the word in the area or to the word in the margin; and the same may be said with regard to nos. 142 and 118, where the pellet may belong to شریک or to گریک.

(T.473)

144.

(بمرو في سنة عشر وممة) Year 110

Annulets (in this instance points) I. .. .: .:

II. 0 0 0 0 0

(T. 548)

145.

ابمرو في سنة اثنين وثلثين ومنة 132 Year المرو في سنة اثنين وثلثين

مناذ,

MENADHIR.

146.

(بمناذر في سنة اثنتين وتسعين) Year 92

Annulets I. & II. o o o o o

(T. 369)



ميسان

MEYSĀN.

147.

(بميسان في سنة خمس وتسعين).

Annulets as on (146).

(Inedited)

148.

(بميسان في سنة ست وتسعين) Year 96 (بميسان

Annulets as on (146).

(Inedited)

Only one coin (year 83) of this mint has hitherto been known.

نهرتیری

NAHR-TTRA.

149.

(بنهر تيري في سنة ثلث وتسعين) Year 93

Annulets as on (145).

(Inedited)

150.

(بنهر تيرى في سنة اربع وتسعين) Year 94 (...

Annulets as on (146).

(T. 408)

هراة

HERĀH.

151.

(بهراة في سنة تسعين) Year 90 (بهراة في

Annulets as on (146)..

(T. 330)

Year 99 (بهراة في سنة تسع وتسعين).
Two pellets under لا سريك له
Annulets as on (146).

(Inedited)

همنان HAMADHĀN.

153.

Year 90 (بهمذن في سنة تسعين). Annulets as on (146).

(Inedited)

154.

Year 98 (بهمذن في سنة ثمان وتسعين).
(Very much clipped.)

(Inedited)

واسط

WĀSIŢ.

155.

البواسط في سنة خمس وثمنين). Year 85

Annulets I. & II. o o o o o

(T. 308)

156.

Year 86 (بواسط في سنة ست وثمنين).
Annulets as on (155).

(T. 313)

157.

(بواسط في سنة سبع وثمنين) Year 87

Annulets as on (155).

(T. 316)

Year 88 (بواسط في سنة ثمان وثمنين).
Annulets as on (155).

(T. 320)

159.

Year 89 (بواسط في سنة تسع وثمنين). Annulets as on (155).

(T. 324)

160.

Year 90 (بواسط في سنة تسعيس). Annulets as on (155).

(T. 327)

161.

Year 91 (بواسط في سنة احدى وتسعين).

Annulets as on (155).

(T. 347)

162.

Year 92 (بواسط في سنة اثنتين وتسعين).

Annulets as on (155).

(T. 365)

163.

(بواسط في سنة ثلث وتسعين) Year 93 (بواسط في سنة ثلث وتسعين)

Annulets as on (155).

(T. 378)

164.

(بواسط في سنة اربح وتسعين) Year 94

Annulets as on (155).

(T. 395)

165.

(بواسط في سنة خمس وتسعين) Year 95

Annulets as on (155).

(T.412)

Year 96 (سعين) منة ست وتسعين).
Annulets as on (155).

(T. 433)

167.

Year 97 (بواسط في سنة سبع وتسعين).
Annulets as on (155).

(T. 444)

168.

Year 98 (بواسط في سنة ثمان وتسعين).
Annulets as on (155).

(T. 456)

169.

Year 99 (بواسط سنة تسع وتسعين).

Annulets as on (155).

(T. 470)

170.

Same:

but annulets I. oo o o o

171.

(بواسط سنة احدى ومنة) Year 101

Annulets clipped away.

(T. 490)

172.

(بواسط سنة ثلث ومنة Year 103).

Annulets I. oo oo oo oo II. o o o o o o

(T.504)

(بواسط سنة اربع وممة) Year 104

Annulets as on (172).

(T. 511)

174.

(بواسط سنة خمس ومنة) . Year 105

Annulets as on (172).

(T. 519)

175.

(بواسط سنة ست وسنة) Year 106

Annulets I. 00 00 00 00 II. 0 0 0 0 0

(T. 525)

176.

Year 107 (بواسط سنة سبع ومنة).

(T. 531)

177.

(بواسط سنة ثمان ومنة) Year 108

Annulets as on (176).

(T. 535)

178.

(بواسط سنة تسع ومنة) Year 109

Annulets as on (176).

(T.540)

179.

(بواسط سنة عشر ومسة) Year 110

Annulets as on (176).

(T.545)

180.

(بواسط سنة احدى عشرة ومنة) Year 111

Annulets as on (176).

(T. 557)

Year 112 (بواسط سنة اثنتي عشرة ومنة).
Annulets as on (176).

(T. 561)

182.

Year 113 (بواسط سنة ثلث عشرة وسنة).

Annulets as on (176).

(T. 564)

183.

Year 114 (بواسط سنة اربع عشرة وسنة). Annulets as on (176).

(T. 570)

184.

Year 115 (بواسط سنة خمس عشرة ومنة).

Annulets as on (176).

(T. 575)

185.

ابواسط سنة ست عشرة ومنة) Year 116

Annulets as on (176). (T. 577)

186.

Year 117 (بواسط سنة سبع عشرة وسنة).
Annulets as on (176).

(T. 584)

187.

Year 118 (بواسط سنة ثمان عشرة ومنة).
Annulets as on (176).

(T. 589)

188.

(بواسط سنة تسع عشرة ومنة) Year 119

Annulets as on (176).

(T. 593)

(بواسط سنة عشرين وممة) Year 120

Annulets as on (176).

(T. 603)

190.

(بواسط سنة احدى وعشرين ومنة) Year 121

(T. 610)

191.

البواسط سنة اثنتين وعشرين وممة) Year 122

Annulets as on (190).

(T.614)

192.

(بواسط سنة ثلث وعشرين ومنة) Year 123

Annulets as on (190).

(T. 616)

193.

Year 124 (بواسط سنة اربع وعشرين ومنة).

Annulets as on (190).

(T. 618)

194.

(بواسط سنة خمس وعشرين ومنة) Year 125

Annulets as on (190).

(T. 622)

195.

(بواسظ سنة ست وعشرين ومنة) Year 126

Annulets as on (190).

(T. 627)

196.

Same:

but annulets I. O O O

II. 0 0 0 0

Same:

but annulets I. O O O O O O O O O

It is not till we remember that in the year 126 fell part of the reign of each of three Khalīfehs (El-Welīd II., Yezīd III., and Ibrāhīm), that the full significance of these three arrangements of annulets in this year is seen. For a discussion of the whole question of the use of annulets I must refer the student to my forthcoming Essay on the Amawī coinage.

198.

Year 127 (بواسط سنة سبح وعشرين ومنة) Annulets as on (197).

(T. 633)

199.

(بواسط سنة ثمان وعشرين ومنة) Year 128

Annulets as on (197).

(T. 637)

200.

(بواسط سنة تسع وعشرين ومنة) Year 129

Annulets as on (197).

(T. 641)

201.

Same:

but annulets I. oo oo oo oo oo

II. 0 0 0 0 0

202.

(بواسط سنة ثلثين ومنة) Year 130

Annulets as on (201).

(T. 645)

203.

(بواسط سنة احدى وثلثين وممة) Year 131

Annulets as on (201).

(T.649)



CONNECTING LINK BETWEEN THE AMAWIS AND 'ABBASIS.

204.

Jayy. 129.

الله وحدة

لا شريك له

قل لا اسلكم عليه اجرا الا المودة في القربي

بسم o الله o ضرب o بجى o سنة o تسع o وعشرين o ومنة .

محمد رسول الله ارسله بالهدى ودين الحق ليظهره على الدين . M. كله ولو كرة المشركون (T. 2759)

On the reverse the annulets are six, o o o o o o, not between the words, but outside, as usual.

This is one of the remarkable class of coins (of which about eight are known) struck by Abū-Muslim, the energetic leader who set the representative of El-'Abbās on the throne of the Khilāfeh, and overthrew the power of the Amawīs in the East. It thus forms a link between the Amawī coinage and the regular 'Abbāsī currency. Though the coin above described does not present the name of Abū-Muslim, there can be no doubt as to its attribution, on account of the introduction of the new and very suggestive marginal inscription: 'Say, I will not ask of you any reward, but love to [my] kindred.'

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83	Dimashk.	102	Dimashk; El-Kufeh.
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	jard; Dimashk; Hama-	131	Dimashk; El-Jezīreh;
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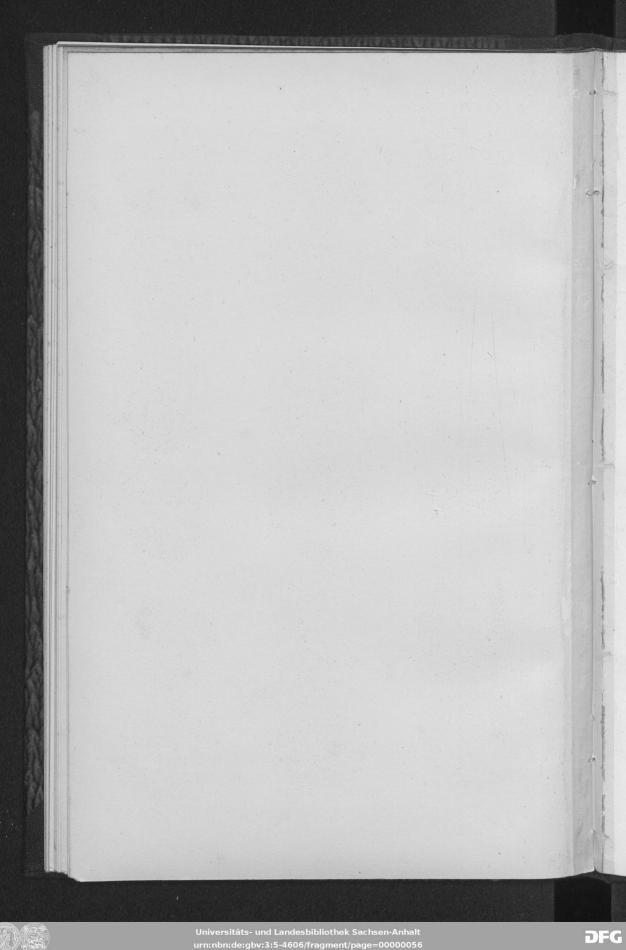






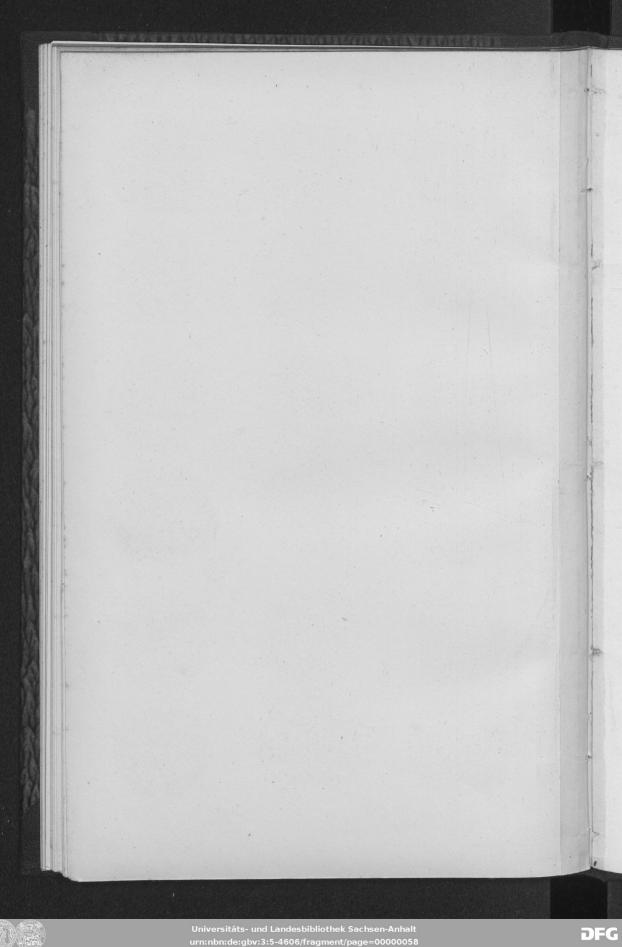






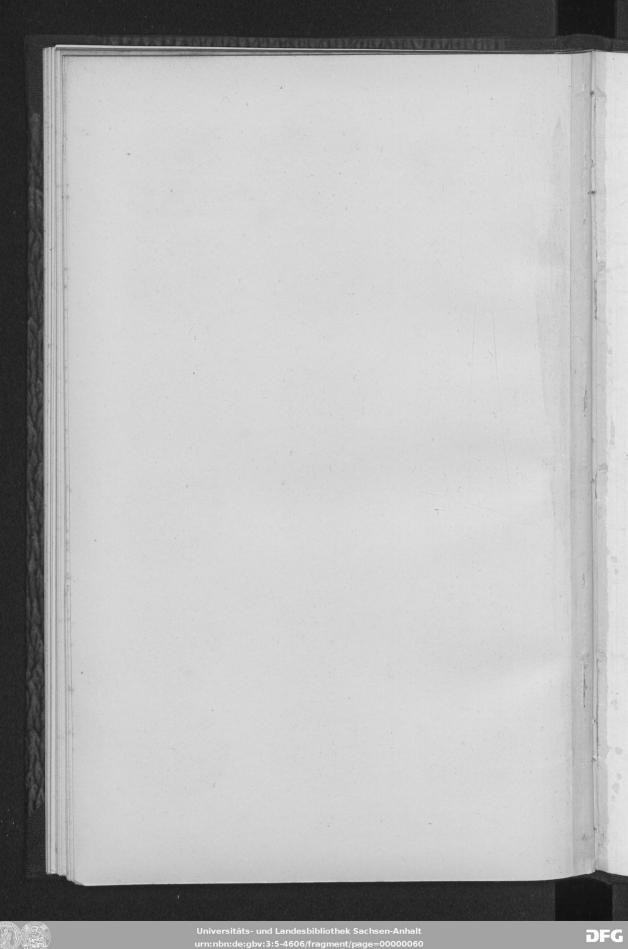






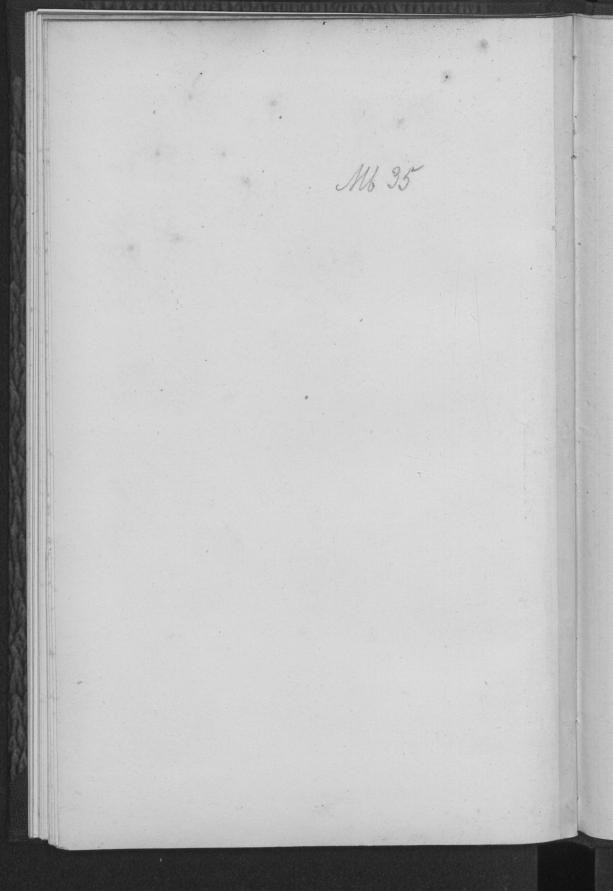




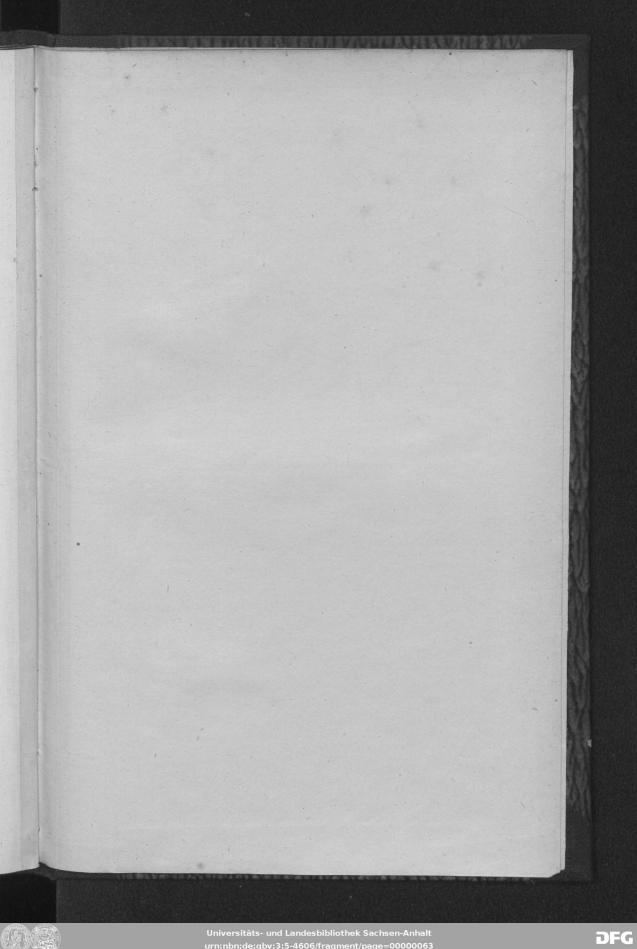


















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