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‘Osmānzāde Aḥmed [Tā’ib]

Şiḥḥat-ābād

Elegant naskhī script in Ottoman Turkish.
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At the beginning of the 18th century, various poets in Istanbul wrote poems with titles such as Şiḥḥatnāme or Şiḥḥat-ābād, in which they refer to Sultan Ahmed III's (r. 1703-1730 AD) fight against smallpox. The present work was written by ‘Osmānzāde Aḥmed [Tā’ib] in a mixture of prose and poetry (cf. Talāt Sait Halman et al., *Türk Edebiyatı Tarihi*, II, 459).

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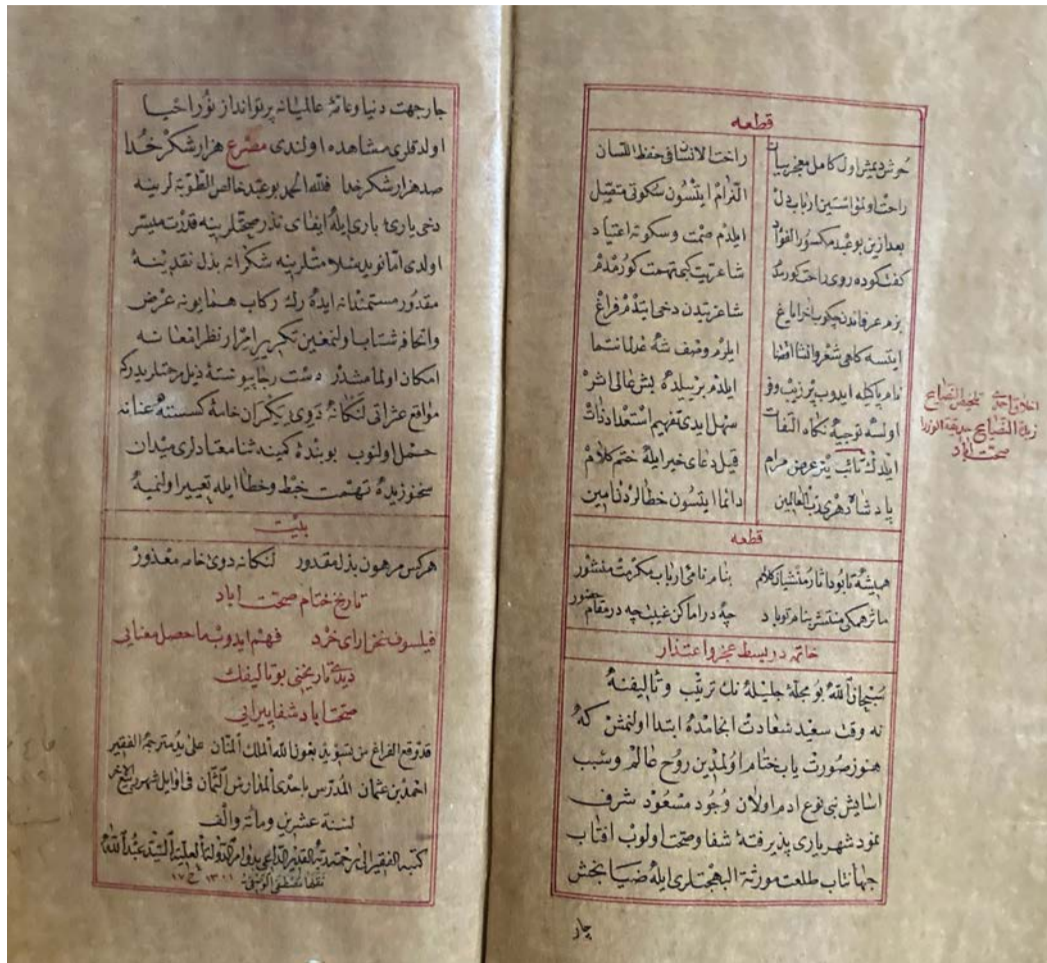
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