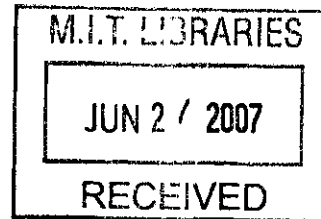
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The entry of the amir Isma'il into Bukhara

It was on Monday, the twelfth day of the blessed month of Ramadan of the year 260 (*ca.* 1 July 874). Because of this the city was quiet and the people of Bukhara were delivered from trouble and enjoyed peace. In the same year the amir Nasr ibn Ahmad was sent a diploma for the rule of all of the districts of Transoxiana, from the Oxus river to the extremity of the lands of the East, from the caliph Muwaffaq bi'llah. The *khutba* of Bukhara was read in the names of the amir Nasr ibn Ahmad and the amir Isma'il, and the name of Ya'qub (ibn) Laith Saffar was dropped from the *khutba*. Amir Isma'il lived some time in Bukhara and after that went to Samarqand, without waiting for an order from the amir Nasr. He left his nephew Abu Zakariya Yahya ibn Ahmad ibn Asad as his deputy in Bukhara. When he arrived in Rishkhan (*sic* Rabinjan) the amir Nasr received news and became angry at his coming without permission. He ordered him (Isma'il) to be received but himself did not come out. He did not honor him, but ordered him escorted to the fortress of Samarqand. The chief of police of Samarqand rep-