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PREFACE

NONE of my predecessors (and they may be counted on the fingers) who have taken the almost impassable route between Eastern Russia (*via* Tabriz) to Teheran having thought fit to record their experiences, it devolves upon my unworthy self to narrate mine in this veritable "terra incognita."

The interest lately awakened in England with reference to Persian affairs, together with the lamentable loss of British prestige and British influence, and the overwhelming power of Russia—as they appeared to me—must be my further excuse for bringing them to the notice of all lovers of king and country, in the earnest hope that means may be found to retrieve the paramount supremacy of England in a country where once it was without a rival.

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THE GREAT PERSIAN WHO RULES
THE DESTINIES OF THE SHAH'S DOMINIONS
THE ATABAK AZAM

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