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PREFACE

The idea of this Historical Atlas of Islam was first suggested in 1958 by the late Donald Edgar Pitcher. He had completed a thesis at the School of Oriental and African Studies in the University of London on the Historical Geography of the Ottoman Empire—a work which was published posthumously in 1968—and this larger enterprise followed naturally. In 1959 it was agreed that the new Atlas should be prepared under the aegis of the Encyclopaedia of Islam. Most regrettably Pitcher, a teacher by profession and a talented musical composer as well as a meticulous cartographer, died unexpectedly in the summer of 1963. The present editor was asked to take over his Atlas later that same year.

Pitcher's plan was to compile the Atlas himself. When he died, he had completed and proofed two specimen sheets; and these form the basis of the present pages 37 and 35 (lower half). It was then decided to request specialists to design or advise on particular maps, and those involved are mentioned on the relevant sheets. Wherever such an acknowledgement does not appear, the map was constructed by the

editor. It will be evident that without the magnanimous help of the consultants, and above all of Professor Charles F. Beckingham who has throughout rendered general advice on historical points, this Atlas could never have been completed.

The superb line-work and hand-lettering are by the hand of Mr Kenneth Jordan, and the editor has drawn thankfully on his experience, and on that of Mr Neil Balmer at the press, in matters of lay-out and presentation.

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