

Quli Khan and his offspring for reasons of state (which may be paralleled in European countries a century or two previously) Shah Safi appears in these archives clement and pleasant in his dealings, with none of that deceitfulness which characterized his grandfather: above all, there is no word, not the least sign of any of those persecutions of Christians which disgrace the reign of 'Abbas I and reappear in the times of 'Abbas II to Sultan Husain. Catholic missionaries came and went without let or hindrance. Internally the country enjoyed quiet. He, indeed, appears one of the more attractive of the Safawi monarchs.

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