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be presented to him, by Maalim Farha, and since that time I remained in his service, till his defeat, which involved me in ruin. As for the things of which I was not an eye witness, they were related to me by Farha, Tantavi, Risk, Sulficar, and some by Ali Bey himself.

The reader will please to observe, that the dates mentioned in the life of Ali Bey, are according to the old stile.

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