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Interesting historiographical examination of the *Fava’ed al-Ṣafaviyeh* and the information it offers on Georgia. The author compares the published uncritical edition, edited by Miryam Ahmadi (1367/1988), to four mss. held in London (British Library Add 16,698 and Or 139, Royal Asiatic Society P Cat 145, India Office Ethe 567), as well as to MS BL Or 4,132 of the « *Ḫolād-e barin* » and the MS Royal Asiatic Society P Cat 43 of Kamāl b. Jalāl Monajjem’s « Zobdat ol-tavārīḥ », and argues that recourse to a larger number of mss. and a more careful use of the primary sources and the scholarly literature on the part of the editor would have avoided most, if not all mistakes in the edited work. The article begins with a brief summary of the circumstances leading to the composition of the work and its contents. (Composed in 1211/1796-97, the *Fava’ed* is dedicated to Abu’l Fath Solṭān Moḥammad, a descendant of Šāh Ṭahmāsp II, and recounts Iranian history up to his time.) The bulk of the study is devoted to a clarification of eleven passages of the printed text, all of them dealing with Iranian-Georgian relations, where misreadings and a lack of adequate footnotes often make it difficult to comprehend the text and especially proper names.

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