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Ibn 'Abdūs, Abū 'Āmir Aḥmad

Abū 'Āmir Aḥmad Ibn 'Abdūs (d. late fifth/early twelfth century?) was an *adīb* (man of letters) and a secretary (*kātib*) in service to the Jahwarid rulers of Córdoba (422–61/1031–69) during the period of the *ṭā'ifa* kingdoms in Spain (fifth/elev-enth century). The titles of *wazīr* and *dhū l-wizāratayn*, commonly added to his name, do not necessarily mean that he exercised a governmental function. Nonetheless he probably played a political role, especially in the scandal associated with Ibn Zaydūn (d. 463/1070), which is outlined below.

There is scant evidence regarding the details of his life. Several brief references suggest that he was born of humble origins. It is also known that he studied poetry with the *qāḍī* (judge) Yūnus b. 'Abdallāh Ibn al-Ṣaffār (d. 429/1038), that he attended the funeral of the secretary