PREFACE

At the beginning, it is necessary here to mention some points

- The years of publication and distribution of books applied in this research have been turned into Christian calendar to avoid mistakes and regard unity. Only in some cases, dates of hand-written books have been mentioned in Hegira Lunar calendar as well as Christian. The dates in the text also have been written in both Hegira and Christian. Hegira dates have been shown by AH and Christian dates without abbreviations.

- Relations of Iran with Europe have been dealt with briefly, following relations of Iran with Ottomans to avoid getting apart from the main discussion.

- In this thesis when we deal with Islam and its differences especially with Shiism, only historical aspects and their cultural and civil influences were the main concerns. As sometimes different editions of the sources have been applied, there might be objections on reference-giving style which was because of limitations in finding the sources and also note-taking from them.

- I usually have written titles of books and essays in English alphabet as well as in Persian. Only the sources which had long titles have been translated to minimize problems of readers in identifying these sources as much as possible.
• Since this thesis has been prepared about two countries of Iran and India, I had to explain names of some places and also some terms in footnotes because they are familiar for locals but as for others, they might need to be explained.

• Other than the Great Islamic Encyclopedia shown as (GIE) two more abbreviations i.e. (AH) and (AD) respectively After Hegira and Annodomini have been applied.