

HISTORY
OF
THE MOHAMMEDAN DYNASTIES IN SPAIN.

B O O K V.

CHAP. I.

As'háb (companions)—*Tábi's* (followers)—Al-muneydhir—Hansh—Ibn Rabáh—'Abdullah Ibn Yezíd—Hayyán—Al-mugheyrá—Hayát Ibn Rejá—Iyádh Ibn 'Okbah—Spoils found at the time of the conquest—Misappropriated by the conquerors—Zoreyk—Zeyd Ibn Kásed—Abú Zor'ah—Mohammed Ibn Aus—'Abdu-r-rahmán Ibn Shamásah—Bekr Ibn Sawádah—'Abdullah Ibnu-l-mugheyrá—Mansúr Ibn Khozámah—Abú-l-hasan Ibn 'Othmán.

HAVING in the preceding Book given a short account of the conquest of Andalus by the Moslems, we propose saying a few words in the present about those illustrious Moslems who came in the suite of Músa Ibn Nosseyr, and by whose undaunted valour and fervent piety that mighty deed was achieved. And first we shall speak about the *as'háb*¹ (companions) and *tábi's* (followers of the companions) of the Prophet (may God favour and preserve him!) who are supposed either to have visited Andalus or to have settled in that country at the time of its invasion by the Moslems.

It is doubtful whether any of the *as'háb* (companions) of our holy Prophet were ever in Andalus. Indeed, there are not wanting Eastern writers who even deny that any of the *tábi's* ever set foot in that country. Andalusian authors, on the contrary, positively assert that one of the lesser *as'háb* resided for some time among them, and also that a considerable number of the *tábi's* entered with Músa Ibn Nosseyr at the time of the conquest, and settled in various parts of Andalus. Ibn Habíb,² for instance, assures us, that Al-muneydhir, one of the lesser *as'háb*, resided in Andalus. The same writer, who counts Músa Ibn Nosseyr himself in the number of the *tábi's*, gives the names of three other *tábi's*,—'Alí Ibn Rabáh Al-lakhmí, Hayát Ibn Rejá At-temímí, and Hansh Ibn 'Abdillah As-san'ání, all of whom are said to have left Syria in company with Músa Ibn Nosseyr, when he went to take possession of his government of Eastern Africa, and to have followed that