

Khalifa Ali bin Abu Talib - Ali's Conduct of Wars

Treatment for the rebels

Ali issued the following instructions to a General in the matter of the treatment to be accorded to rebels: "If the rebels repent and return to obedience, then accept their repentance and do not be harsh with them. If they persist in their revolt, and are not prone to listen to reason, then suppress them with the aid of the people who are loyal to you. See that you depend only on these people who are sincere to you. Do not care for those who are in different. It is better not to own a person who is not with you whole-heartedly. It is better that such men should remain sitting and should not stand up."

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