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MINIATURE PASTED ON AN ALBUM LEAF. 'THE GREAT MUGHAL FARRUKH-SIYAR BESTOWS A JEWEL'

INDIA, MUGHAL; BETWEEN 1713 AND 1719

LEAF: 40.1 × 28.6 CM

The last important Mughal emperor, Aurangzeb, died in 1707. An effort was made to maintain the old magnificence of the court in Delhi, but the realm was steadily weakened. It is a twist of fate that Farrukh-siyar (1713-1719) managed to undermine the dynasty's position of power even further by giving the East India Company concessions in Calcutta before he himself was murdered.

The ruler is enthroned, a courtier standing behind him and an audience-seeker in front of him. He is bedecked with jewels and is in the process of bestowing a bracelet. There were no medals or orders in the Islamic

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