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When he was imprisoned in Teheran with eleven others, there was an old man among them by the name of Mirza Mohammed Reza He was well known for three rare qualities, firmness, fearlessness and truthfulness. He defied all the prison authorities by his courage; awed all the enemies by his firmness and set at naught the intrigues of all the foes through his truthfulness.

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"Whenever," Mirza Abul Fazl said, "one of the ministers of the court, Hajeb-Ed-Dowleh, came to the prison to investigate the conditions of some one, Mirza Mohammed Reza would run to him and keep on talking into his ears for a few minutes with great earnestness. Finally Hajeb-Ed-Dowleh would turn to him and with a despairing look say: "Sir, this is impossible. I cannot do it. Why did you not ask the Prince Nayeb-Os-Sultaneh about it? He can do it. He is the one in authority." At last one day we asked him, "What is this you are constantly asking the Hajeb Ed Dowich whenever he comes to the prison, and which he so emphatically refuses you?"

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