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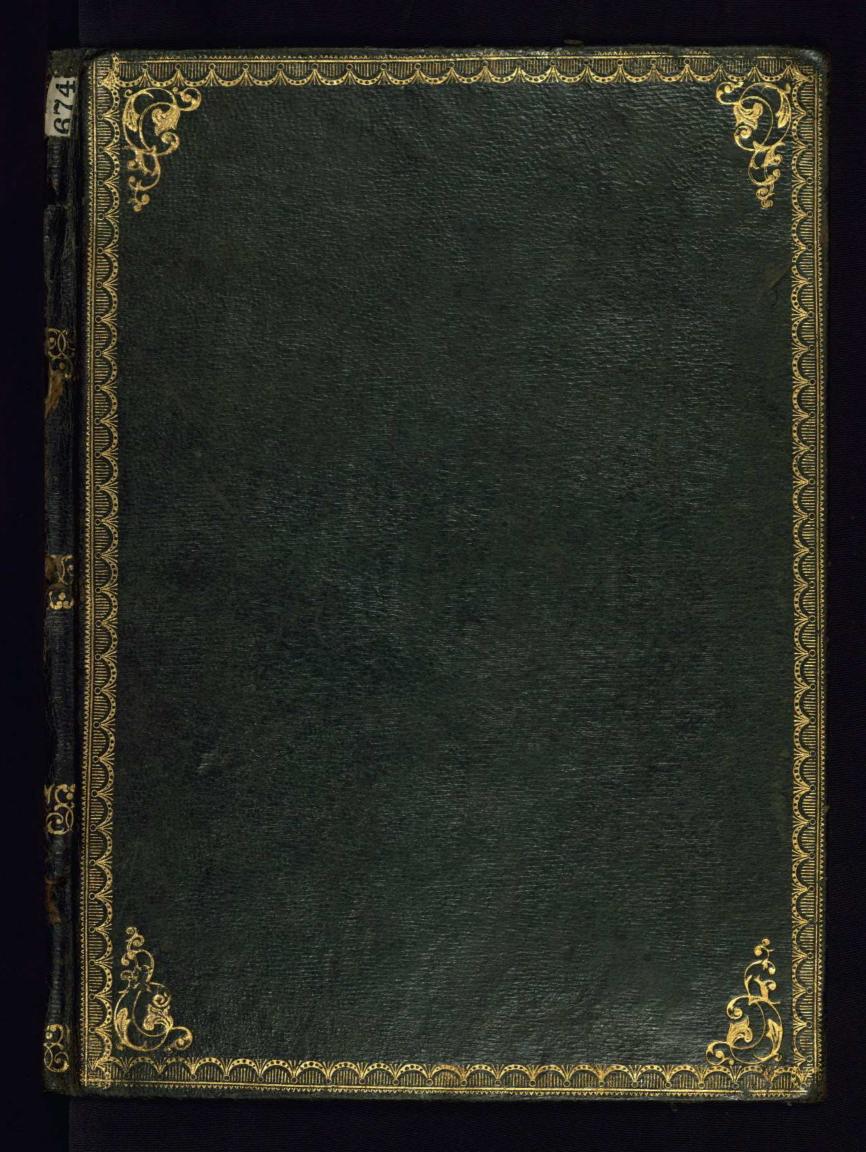
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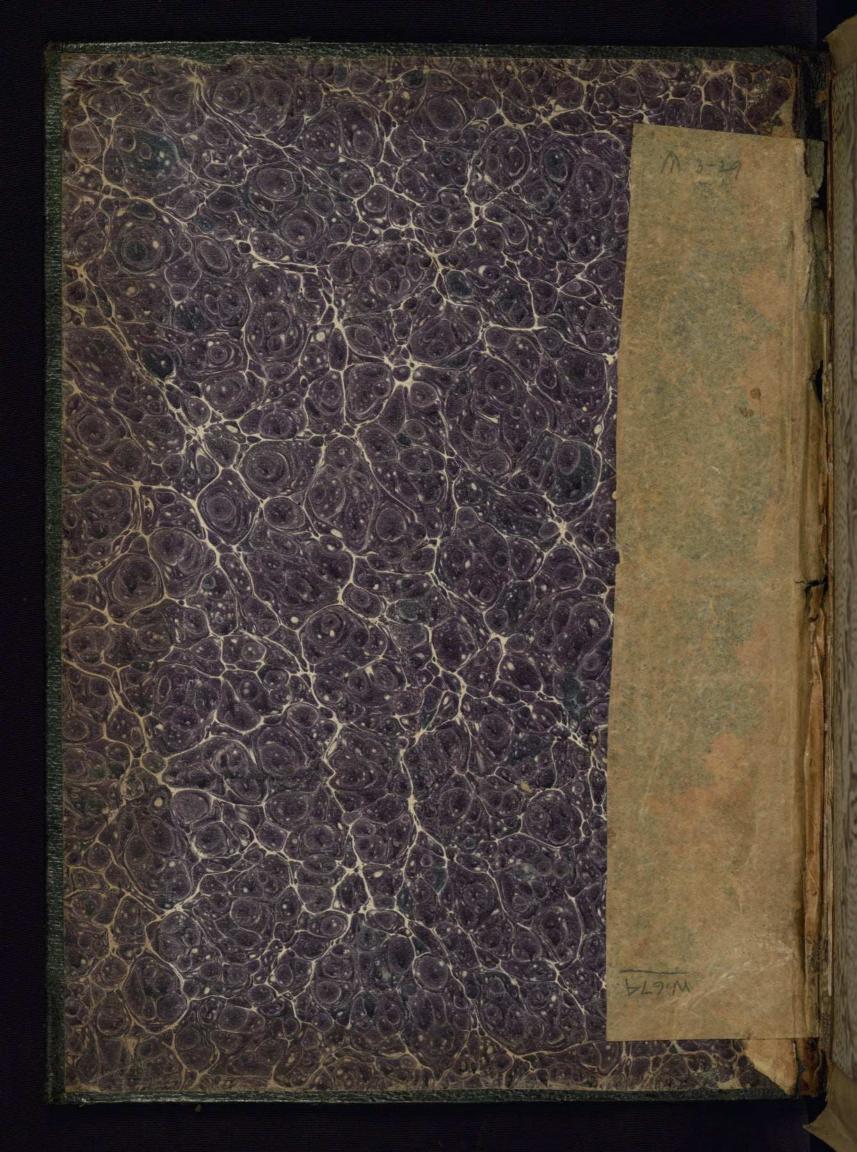






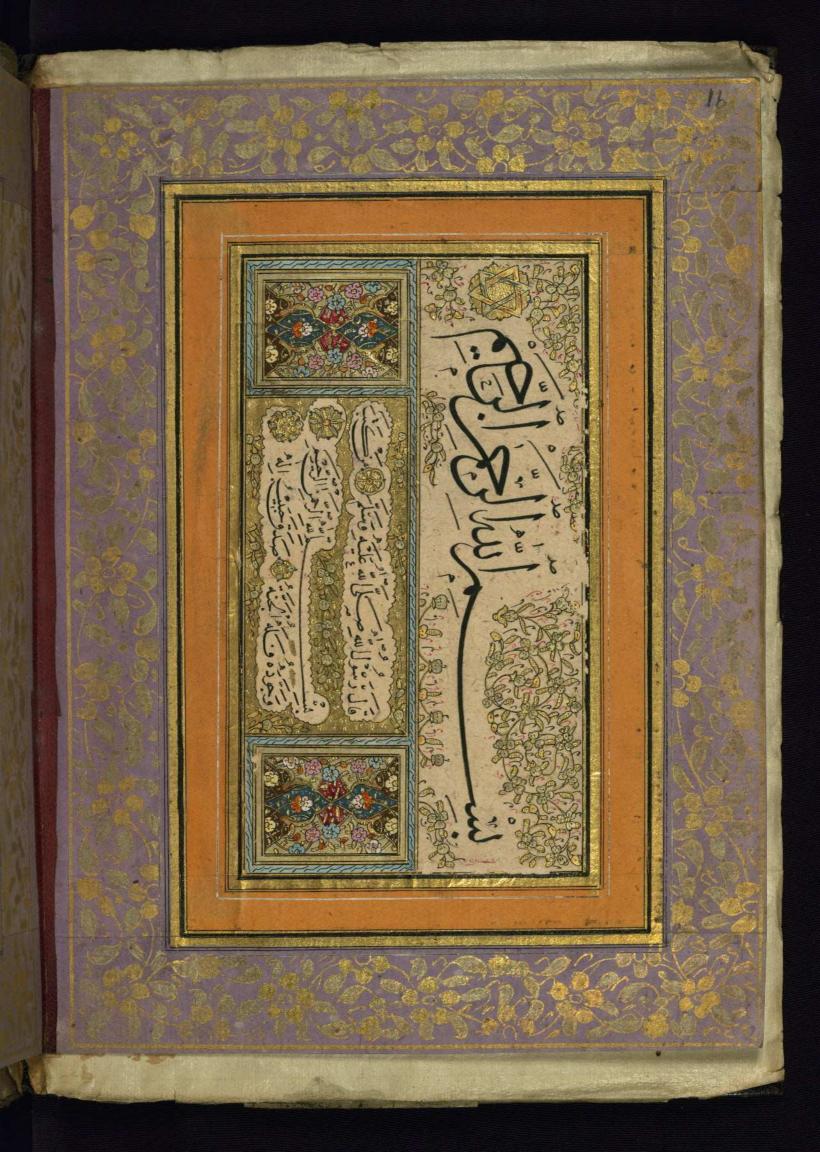


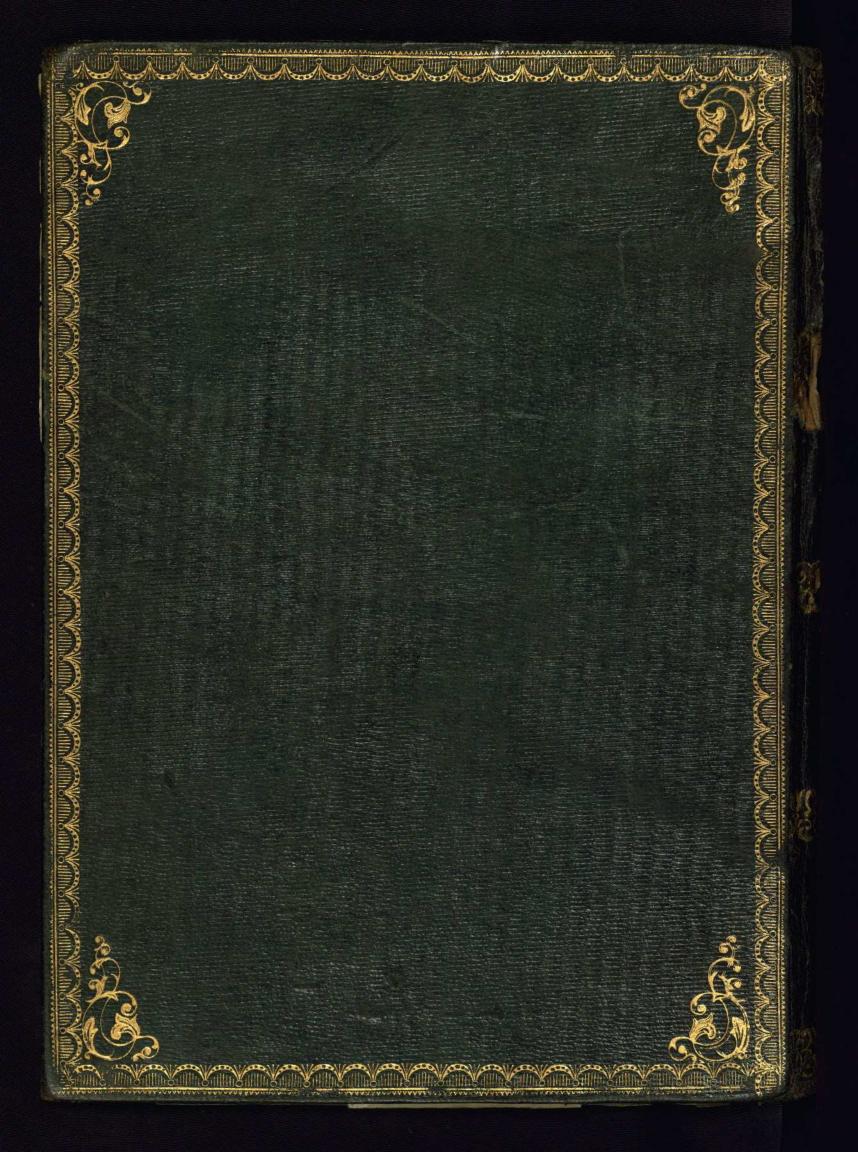












Contents	fols. 1b - 2a:
	<i>Title</i> : Ijāzah
	Incipit:
	قال رسول الله صلى الله عليه وسلم من كتب بسم الله
	 <i>Text note:</i> Main text consists of a quotation attributed to the Prophet Muhammad extolling the virtue of elegantly writing the doxological formula (basmalah), "in the name of God, the Compassionate, the Merciful" <i>Hand note:</i> Doxological formula (basmalah) written in thuluth script; quotation written in naskh script; diplomas/certificates written in ijāzah script <i>Decoration note:</i> Richly decorated borders and areas around the text
Decoration	fol. 1b:
	<i>Title:</i> Page of an Ottoman diploma in calligraphy
	Form: Text page
	Label: This page bears the following inscription: Bi-sm Allāh al-Raḥmān al-Raḥim /1/ Qāla Rasūl Allāh ṣallá Allāh ʿalayhi wa-sallama /1/ man kataba /2/ bi-sm Allāh al-Raḥmān al-Raḥim wa-jawwadahu fa-lahu al-jannatu
	șadaqa Habīb al-Ilāh [sic] /3/
	<i>fol. 2a:</i> <i>Title:</i> Page of an Ottoman diploma in calligraphy <i>Form:</i> Text page
	<i>Label:</i> This page bears four diplomas written within illuminated cartouches inscribed in ijāzah script by the following master calligraphers: Yāzījī zādah, Ismā'īl al-Zuhdī Kātib al-Sarāy al-Sulṭānī, Muḥammad Ḥasīb, and 'Alī al-Waṣfī. The page is dated 1219 AH / 1804-5 CE.
Acquisition	Walters Art Museum, 1931, by Henry Walters bequest
Binding	The binding is not original.
	Modern green goatskin (no flap)

Shelf mark	Walters Art Museum Ms. W.674
Descriptive Title	Ottoman diploma in calligraphy
Text title	Ijāzah <i>Vernacular:</i> اجازة
	<i>Note:</i> A diploma/certificate granted to the Ottoman calligrapher Muḥammad Ḥilmī Afandī by four calligraphers: Yāzījī zādah, Ismāʿīl al-Zuhdī Kātib al-Sarāy al-Sulṭānī, Muḥammad Ḥasīb, and ʿAlī al-Waṣfī; title supplied by cataloger
Abstract	This manuscript is a diploma/certificate (ijāzah) granted to the Ottoman calligrapher Muḥammad Ḥilmī Afandī (Mehmet Hilmi Efendi) in 1219 AH / 1804-5 CE by four master calligraphers: Yāzījī-zādah, Ismāʿīl al-Zuhdī Kātib al- Sarāy al-Sultānī, Muḥammad Ḥasīb, and ʿAlī al-Waṣfī. The main text, consisting of a quotation attributed to the Prophet Muhammad and extolling the virtue of elegantly writing the doxological formula (basmalah), "in the name of God, the Compassionate, the Merciful," is executed in thuluth and naskh scripts.
Date	1219 AH / 1804-5 CE
Origin	Turkey
Scribe	As-written name: Muḥammad Ḥilmi Afandī Name, in vernacular:
	محم <i>د</i> حلمي افن <i>د</i> ي
Form	Book
Genre	Historical
Language	The primary language in this manuscript is Arabic.
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