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The address and with the name of the sender + the recipient

~~The name of~~ ~~the sender~~ writer of this letter has not been

preserved. Nor there can be absolute doubt that

it was sent by Moses ~~ben~~ Jacob Tahertī, the dayyan of ~~the Fostat~~

a Jewish community in Qayrawān during the first

half of the eleventh century. See Dictionnaire Abrégé du Tāhertī sur Méd. Sor. I, 27 (1962) 158–167

Tāhert, once a flourishing commercial city in Algeria

had been destroyed already a century before the

writing of our letter (ca 908 see EI N.E.). Thus the

Tahertis had been established in Qayrawān for

a long time. The family might have come

originally from the Fatimid seat of the Isp. would

from Persia, as the dynasty of the Rustamids

which (ruled) founded Tāhert city.

The recipient of this letter, Bayrūn ibn Judah,

on Joseph ibn Awkal, a merchant prince of Persian

origin who had his seat in Cairo (Fustāt) where he served as

head of the Jewish diocese for the Jewish "academies"

High Courts