

Watermarks in Malay manuscripts

Can anyone identify these two fragments of watermarks (see pdf file), which are probably early eighteenth century? They are in Malay manuscripts (Dd.5.37 (1) and Gg.6.40 (2)) in Cambridge University Library.

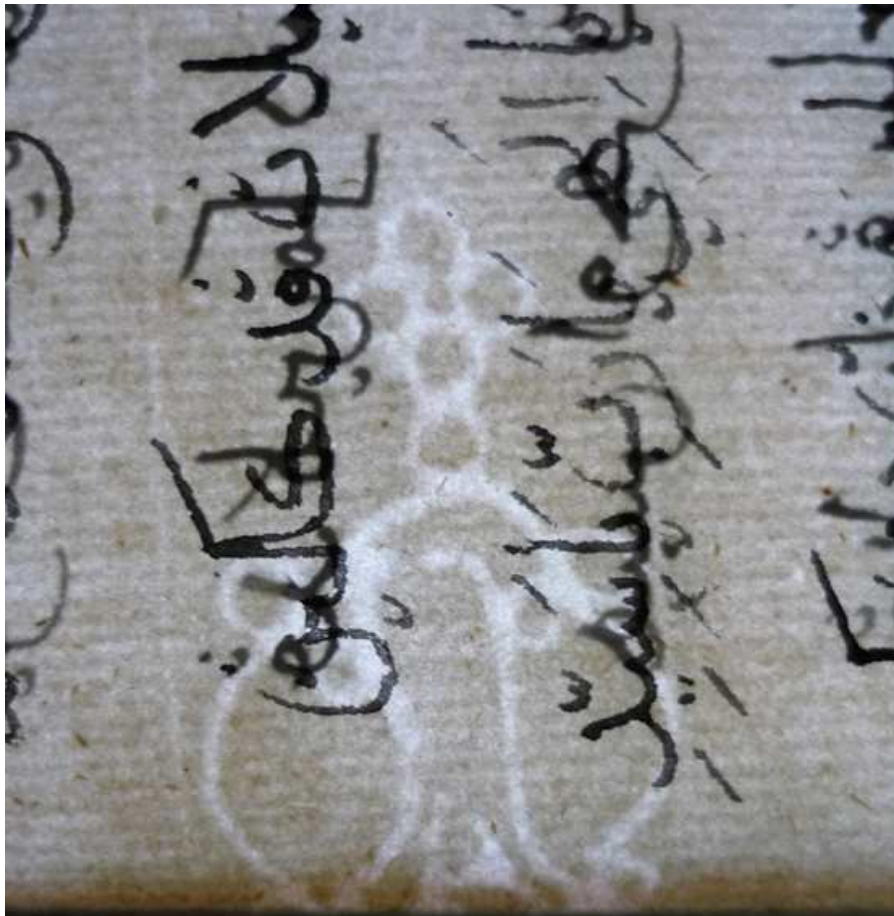
Russell Jones
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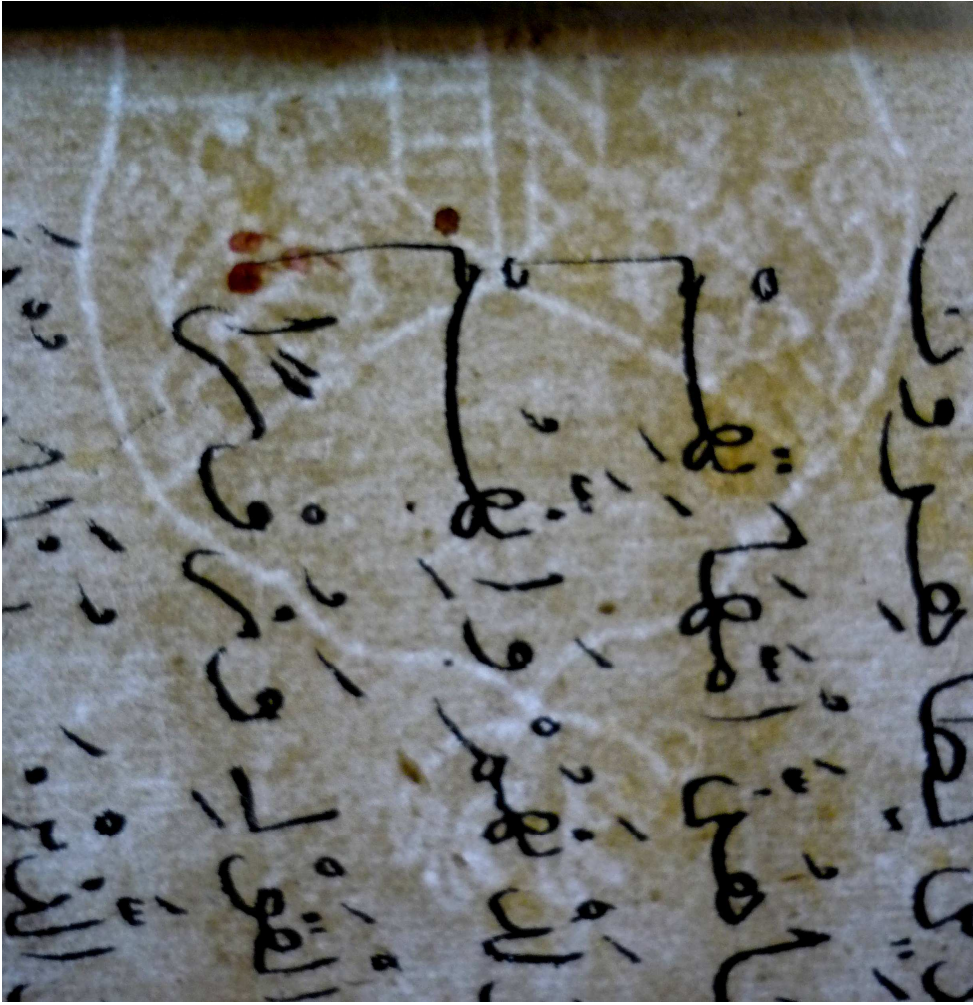
Dear Russell,
Judging from the photographs these are resp. the upper part and the lower part of different watermarks found in the centre of pages in a quarto gathering. The other half of each watermark is then found in the corresponding page, part of the same bifolio, elsewhere in the gathering, which you may find when first locating the binding thread at the middle bifolio of the gathering and then counting down to the left and to the right. The first watermark I do not recognize, but leafing through Heawood or Churchill, which I do not have ready to hand at home, may yield results. The second watermark is a (probably crowned) coat of arms, with rampant lions symmetrically placed in two of five quarters, with a small centre shield, which may all be identified when doing some heraldic research. The animal below the crest may refer to the Order of the Golden Fleece.
I hope this may help you in your further research.
Best regards,

Albert Elen
(answer received: 29.09.2011)

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watermark 1



watermark 2