

Once he had conquered the Moslem people
Chinggis Khan appointed agents to govern in each of their cities.
From the city of Gurganj came two Khwarezm Moslems,
a father and son named Yalavech and Masgud,
who explained to Chinggis Khan the customs and laws of these cities,
and the customs by which they were governed....

Since among all the Moslems Yalavech and Masgud
were the most skilled at the customs and laws for governing cities,
he appointed them the governors of Cathay,
Along with our own agents

-Anonymous Mongol scribe, "The Secret History of the Mongols" (circa 1240) excerpt