On the End of the Akbari Dispensation
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This chapter draws on Jesuit material and the autobiographical narrative of a Mughal notable, Asad Beg Qazwini, in order to consider how matters of succession were managed at the time of the demise of Akbar's reign. In particular, the text of Asad Beg and several other contemporary sources illuminates both the nature of the transition between Akbar and Jahangir and the last years of Akbar's reign, and in so doing map the forms of legitimacy that have come to shape Mughal authority in the succeeding years. Recent years have seen renewed attention directed by researchers on the evolution of Akbar's religious and social policy, which contributed to the image that he had.