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Qur'ān, Persia, 12th/18th century. Illuminated headpieces, fols. 1v-2r (plate 2). Here a central panel of text is written above a panel of red scrolls on a green ground. Cartouches above and below on each page have red text on gold. Bands of framing ornament display floral motifs in orange and purple-pink on gold and blue grounds. Fols. 100v-101r: text framed with a border of orange and white flowers on blue. All folios have text frames on three sides with gilded floral motifs and some *sūras* have gold circles in the margins. Punctuation in red.

Binding: Brown leather with flaps. On the front, back and flap are stamped blocks in red and gold applied to a ground of green silk. The manuscript has a box of red leather stamped front and back with floral and cartouche motifs, gilded.

Conservation: Since 1994 the manuscript has been repaired, rebound in its original covers and its leather case repaired.