of the Qura'an, [properly so called] refer to their accounts of what concernstheir rights, or dues, of the state, relating to the acts of the government, and the finances, and the military and other administrators thereof: (TA:) then any book was thus called: and especially the poetry of some particular poet; so that this meaning became [conventionally regarded as] a proper signification thereof: (Shi'ah el-Ghafeel, TA:) i.e. a collection of poetry [of a particular poet]. (TA:) [Hence, one says,] من أصل مخالفة [meaning Such a one is of those whose names are written in the register. (Mgh.) [Also Such a one is of the keepers of the registers; or, of the registrars. (And sometimes it has another meaning, which, see below.) And hence the saying]كِفَّ=['Poetry is the register of the Arabs': because they used to refer to it on their differing in opinion respecting genealogies and wars or fights and the appointing of stipends or allowances from the government-treasury, like as the people of the diwan [properly so called] refer to their diwans in a case that is doubtful to them; or because it was the depository of their sciences, and the preserver of their rules of discipline, and the mine of their histories. (Har p. 268.) Afterwards, also, it was applied to signify an account, or a reckoning. (Mgh.) — And Writers [of accounts or reckonings]. (TA:) — And A place of account or reckoning, (Mgh, TA:) and of writers [of accounts or reckonings]. (TA:) — [Also A council, court, or tribunal: see the next preceding sentence. Hence, sometimes means The people of the council, court, or tribunal. And also, in the present day, A long seat, formed of a mattress laid against the side of a room, upon the floor or upon a raised structure or frame, with cushions to lean against; or two or more of such mattresses f. c. similarly placed.]