

٢٠٢. وَقَالَ (عَلَيْهِ السَّلَامُ) وَقَدْ قَالَ لَهُ طَلْحَةُ وَالزُّبَيْرُ: نُبَايِعُكَ عَلَى أَنَّا شُرَكَاءُكَ فِي هَذَا الْأَمْرِ: لَا، وَلَكِنَّا كَمَا شَرِيكَانِ فِي الْقُوَّةِ وَالْإِسْتِعَانَةِ، وَعَوْنَانِ عَلَى الْعِزِّ وَالْأَوْدِ.

202. When Ṭalḥah and az-Zubayr said to him: We are prepared to swear allegiance to you on condition that we have a share with you in this matter (of caliphate), Amīr al-mu'minīn, peace be upon him, said: No, but you will have a share in strengthening (the caliphate) and in affording assistance and you will both be helping me at the time of need and hardship.