

CHAP. III.

VISIT FROM THE KATSHAF OF RISIGAT. — HIS ASTONISHMENT AT AN ENGLISH BREAKFAST. — TURKISH WASHING APPARATUS. — THE KATSHAF'S DINNER. — ORIENTAL CUSTOMS. — TURKISH FONDNESS FOR WINE. — THE KATSHAF'S INTERESTED CONDUCT. — PASSAGE OF THE DESERT. — ARAB GUIDE STONES. — DEAD CAMELS. — LOSS OF WATER. — KNAVERY OF MY ARAB SERVANT. — FAWN-COLOURED APPEARANCE OF ANIMALS IN THE DESERT. — AN ARAB CROSSING THE DESERT ALONE.

WE found this morning, that we should be obliged to remain here until to-morrow, Mr. H. having sent a courier to Gournah for some things which he had left behind, at our setting out on the expedition.

The Katshef of Risigat paid us a visit before we had breakfasted. Our tents not being in order, we had our carpets arranged under the shade of some palm trees. The Katshef was rather a common-looking person; but as he seemed civil and anxious to oblige, we invited him to breakfast with us. He accepted our