

CHAP. XI.

OASIS OF AMUN.

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THE visit of Alexander, the unsuccessful expedition of Cambyses, and the great celebrity of the oracle of Amun have rendered Siwah a much more interesting place to the literary world than