

the earlier hours of the day only then succeeded in getting so far down. As no doubt the same thing holds good of all the numerous brooks and tributaries that empty themselves into the Satschu-tsangpo, it is easy to imagine the effect they produce upon the main river. At the moment when we crossed over it the Satschu-



Fig. 383. TIBETAN CAMPS.

tsangpo was rising rapidly, and had we reached it a couple of hours later, it would undoubtedly have been impossible to ford it at all. By the next morning however the little tributary had dropped considerably, and its water was then clear. On the 2nd August the weather was beautiful, and though the sky was clouded, we accom-