

commander-in-chief, upon my having successfully accomplished the journey, and a very kind letter from General Chapman, then Quartermaster-General in India, who had himself been to Yarkand and Kashgar, and, knowing how welcome they are to travellers, had thoughtfully sent a box of cigars to await my arrival.

Only one day was given up for rest in Srinagar, and then I started on the last stage of my journey, that to Rawal Pindi; for I was anxious to accomplish my task in precisely the seven months which I had said at Peking would be the time necessary for it, and which would expire on November the 4th. So I hurried on, and now at the end of a long journey felt "fitter" than when I started, and able to cover the distance rapidly. After arriving at a staging bungalow at seven o'clock on the evening of November 2, I had my dinner, lay down for an hour or two, and then at twelve o'clock at night started again walking the first march of twelve miles, and afterwards riding in a native cart, which conveyed me during the day for three marches down the newly constructed cart-road. At the end of these three marches I rode another ten miles