

10. Turfan, 4 tash. A large city. Climate hot, and fruits and grain produced in abundance. Snowy mountains on north, but at a considerable distance. Iron, copper, and gold found in neighbourhood. Water is procured from wells, and irrigation is carried on by means of underground canals.

ROUTE XVII.

TURFÁN TO KÁMÓL OR KHÁMIL OR HÁMÍ (AUTHORITY DR. BELLEW,† FROM NATIVE INFORMATION).

1. Kará Khoja, 4 tash. Town of 500 houses. Musalmán families.
2. Yangi Khhin, 4 tash. 100 houses. Water from *Kárez* or *Khkhin* streams. At 2 tash is the Mazár Abúl Futtáh. 300 houses and bazar. Musalmáns.
3. Lukehun, 4 tash. Town of 2,000 houses. A stream from Ghochan Tágh north of Pichán, flows through the town on to the desert. In flood seasons it reaches Lob Nor.
4. Pichán* 4 tash. Town of 500 houses; all Musalmáns. Stream from Ghochan Tágh flows through the town. Outside is a Chinese fort.
5. Chightan, 5 tash. 100 houses. Springs. Kashghar frontier.
6. Lotu Changza, 5 tash. Camp ground at a well on Gobi desert.
7. Kosh, 6 tash. Well. Gobi desert.
8. Kudúk, 5 tash. Well. Gobi desert. Cyclones, sandstorms, and whirlwinds common on this part of the desert, and sometimes shifting sands overwhelm the traveller. Diabolical sounds and spirit calls here mislead the unwary to destruction in the trackless waste.
9. Otar Kima, 5 tash. Custom House, and 20 houses. Springs.
10. Otun Oza, 4 tash. Small village, cook-shop and restaurant. Springs.
11. Lodung, 5 tash. 50 houses of Musalmáns. Springs.
12. Shothá, 3 tash. 15 houses of Musalmáns. Springs.
13. Jighdá, 4 tash. 40 houses of Musalmáns.
14. Taghochi, 4 tash. 100 houses of Musalmáns. Bazar and fort. A river from the Kazanchi Tágh on the south flows by the city to Lupchuk and Karátaba and Lob Nor.
15. Sumcággho, 5 tash. 300 houses. Bazar and fort. Musalmáns. *Kárez* conduits. At 3 tash is Abdul Alim Fort, 2 gates; 500 houses. *Kárez*.
16. Kamul, 5 tash. Commercial city; 2,500 houses. A Chinese Governor with a Musalmán *Wang* over the Muhammadans. The city has three gates, and populous suburbs.

ROUTE XVIIa.

TURFÁN TO ORÚMCHÍ OR URUMTSÍ. (DR. BELLEW† FROM NATIVE INFORMATION.)

1. Shamál Ortang, 5 tash. Four houses. Stream from hills.
2. Dabáncí, 5 tash. Town and fort. 350 houses, in a valley amongst hills.

* There is an alternative road to Pichán or Pidjan passing by Sanghin and Lemtsin. There is also an alternative road from Pidjan to Kamul, lying to the south of the road here described. The southern road passes through the towns of Khoing and Khartoube.—H.T.

† I have not the means of verifying many of the routes given by Dr. Bellew, and they are inserted as given by him.—H. T.