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|---|---|-----------------------|
| 7. Booksam ( <i>or Bash Bonksem</i> ).        | } | Stages through desert |
| 8. Kolu.                                      |   |                       |
| 9. Badlik Kotagh ( <i>or Bedelik Kudok</i> ). |   |                       |
| 10. Nurs-shakúm.                              |   |                       |
| 11. Balfuz-nakúm.                             |   |                       |
| 12. Khal.                                     |   |                       |
| 13. Darialoe.                                 |   |                       |
| 14. Máhtung. Here cultivation is encountered. |   |                       |
| 15. Karatal ( <i>Kharatal</i> ).              |   |                       |
| 16. Besh-turkimirum ( <i>Besh-arik</i> ).     |   |                       |
| 17. Aksú.                                     |   |                       |

These are stages for donkeys, the chief trade being carried on with donkeys—copper, rice, iron, gold silk, and country cotton cloths going from Khotan. A trader with horses will accomplish the journey in 10 stages.

NOTE.—This route would appear to be reliable. Names in italics are found by me in Klaproth's Map.—H. T.

#### ROUTE XXIV.

FROM *Khotan* TO *Polu* (DIRECT). AUTHORITY CAPTAIN CHAPMAN, FROM  
NATIVE INFORMATION.

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|-------------------------------|-----|---------------------------|--|
| Khotan to—                    |     |                           |  |
| 1. Sampúla                    | ... | ... 3 tash.               | } These six marches are through cultivated lands with small villages. No rivers encountered. |
| 2. Hásha                      | ... | ... 3 tash.               |  |
| 3. Ganju-tágh                 | ... | ... 3 tash. A large town. |  |
| 4. Múra                       | ... | ... 4 tash.               |  |
| 5. Imám Mazar or Chehar Imám, |     | 4 tash.                   |  |
| 6. Polu                       | ... | ... 5 tash.               |  |

NOTE.—This route agrees very well with another procured by me from a different source.—H. T.

#### ROUTE XXV.

KHOTAN TO CHARCHAND AND KURLA. AUTHORITY CAPTAIN TROTTER,  
COMPILED FROM VARIOUS SOURCES OF NATIVE INFORMATION.

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|------------------------|---|------------|--------------------|
| Khotan to—             |   |            |                    |
| 1. Dol                 | ...   | 16½ Miles. | } Vide Route XIV.  |
| 2. Chíra               | ...   | 35 "       |                    |
| 3. Karákia             | ...   | 25 "       |                    |
| 4. Kiria               | ...   | 27½ "      |                    |
| 5. Ui Toghrak          |   | 15 "       |                    |
| 6. Yessulghun.         |   |            |                    |
| 7. Auras.              |   |            |                    |
| 8. Naia.               | At a day's journey from Naia in a southerly direction lie the Sorghák gold fields. The river, from Sorghák flows by Naia and passes in a northerly direction to Mazár Imám Jafr Sadík, a favourite place of pilgrimage, two days' journey north of Naia. From Naia to Charchand lie two roads across the desert, the northern road passes the camps of— |            |                    |
| 9. Baliklik.           |   |            | 14. Kára Buran.    |
| 10. Yer-tunguz.        |   |            | 15. Yantagh Kuduk. |
| 11. Haidil-shah Kuduk. |   |            | 16. Kok-muran.     |
| 12. Andhira.           |   |            | 17. Yang-arik.     |
| 13. Shiodang.          |   |            | 18. Charchand.     |