

nosebags taken off, he commenced watering the animals, a proceeding which provoked me to plain, rather than polite words.

Thanks to the good services of Bishan Dass, the Wazir of Ladak, we were enabled to get, without trouble, the large quantity of supplies which we required. This official, as indeed all of the Kashmir State, with the exception of the Governor of Srinagar, rendered us in



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many ways invaluable assistance, for which I am much indebted.

While at Leh all the loads had to be rearranged and weighed, and their contents carefully catalogued; flour, rice, bread, ghee, barley, suttoo (theoretically, ground parched barley, but practically, often adulterated with sand, &c., indigestible even to Ladakis), and many sets of horse shoes and nails had to be bought, packed up, weighed, sealed, and catalogued.