

never to hand over to the owner the payment they received.

Nymget, a cheerful man and well disposed towards us, agreed to accompany us till we should meet the men from Fobrang. Having set out from Rundor, we advanced on the ascent of the Nabo La, and, preparatory to crossing the ridge, camped for the night at Larcha. Here the height was about 17,430 feet, but no inconvenience was felt by any of the men, except Tara Singh who complained of a headache, due probably to an overabundant meal the previous day. The Nabo La had been mentioned to us as not high, a description which I would not quite adopt. The eastern slope we found gradual and easy. We passed a very large glacier which projects well into the main valley, its foot being at an altitude of about 17,700 feet. Frequent halts were necessary to rest the men and animals, but without too much exertion we reached the top. There we found the usual heap of stones and skulls, and this afforded us some shelter from the cold west wind when we proceeded to boil thermometers for the determination of the height. Two caravan men supplied more effectual protection by holding their filthy and vile-smelling sheepskins round me, and at length the various difficulties in the way of lighting the candle were overcome. The hypsometer screen was so admirably designed that, as soon as the candle was lighted it burned freely and without waste, no additional shelter being required. The hypsometers gave the altitude as 18,880 feet. The aneroid barometer which I carried went below fifteen inches, the lowest point to which it was graduated, and there stuck fast, showing an estimated altitude of 19,700 feet. What height the instrument would have indicated had the mechanism been constructed for greater elevations, it is impossible to say, but the error on this occasion was sufficient to show that for altitudes over