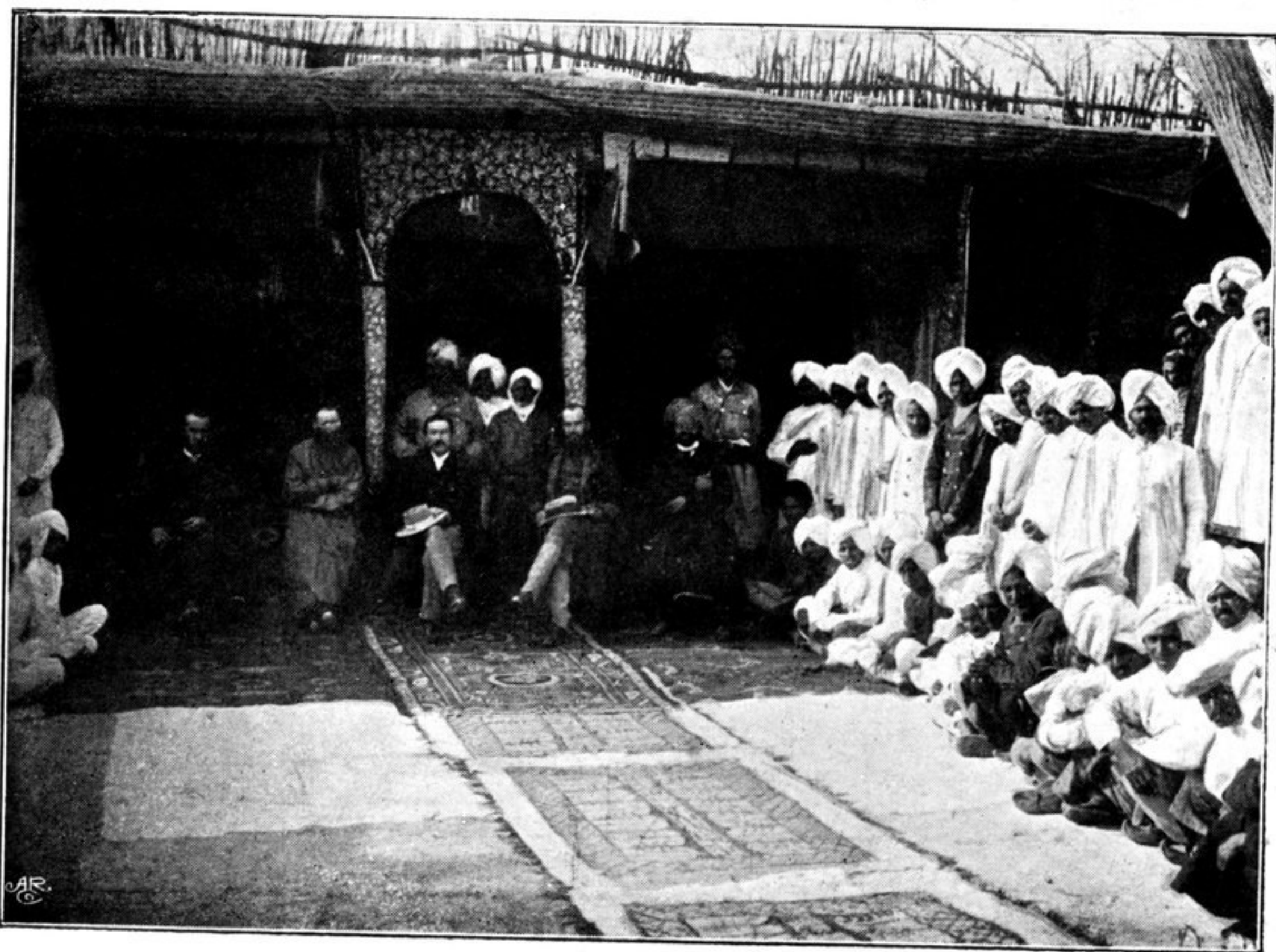


access to Colonel Trotter's old station. The place was now under military control, and when Macartney, on my behalf, applied to the Chow-Kuan for the requisite permission, he was informed that the proper person to apply to was the commanding military officer, or Teetai. To this personage we sent an intimation, with the customary formality, that we intended to visit him, and without delay proceeded to his abode. On reaching his door,



MR. G. MACARTNEY'S RECEPTION BY THE INDIAN TRADERS AT YARKAND.

however, we were informed that he was engaged with other visitors, but that, if we waited a little, we could see him. This message was unmistakably an insult, for we knew that the Chow-Kuan was not then his visitor, and there was no other dignitary in the town who should not have been required to leave in order to give place to Macartney. We at once returned to the Chini Bagh and despatched the Aksakal, within whose jurisdiction our