

in Gedrosia. If he had died of thirst himself, we should have been inclined to say that only a desert like that of Gedrosia could put a limit to his victorious career and annihilate his army. So much less reason have we to attempt to base a sound argument for a deterioration of climate on his experiences.

Nor does the march of Craterus furnish grounds for any conclusions, for the information about it is extremely scanty. He was ordered to proceed through Arachosia and Drangiana (Seistan) to Caramania or Kerman. He probably passed from Alexandria, on the Indus, through Shikapur to Kandahar, and along the lower Hilmend to God-i-Zirre. But we know nothing definite about the route he chose, much less of the difficulties he had to contend with and the losses he suffered. That he took elephants with him proves nothing. Other generals have done that in Eastern Iran in much later times, and it would not be harder than to lead these animals up to Lhasa and Shigatse in Tibet.