



MIR'S CASTLE AT BALTIT.

CHAPTER III

THROUGH HUNZA

ON the afternoon of the 15th of June I left Gilgit full of the pleasant impressions from my cordial reception at this last Anglo-Indian

outpost. The first march of eighteen miles was to Nomal, a green oasis in the otherwise barren valley of the river which comes from Hunza. The preceding days in Gilgit had been abnormally cloudy and cool, and this weather made marching pleasant enough. Since the little war of 1891, which had asserted British authority in Hunza, the road up the valley has been greatly improved. Nevertheless, it is but