



START FOR GEZ DEFILE.

CHAPTER VII

THROUGH THE GEZ DEFILE TO KASHGAR

THE morning of the 23rd of July found me ready for the start northwards on the way to Kashgar, while Ram Singh, with a small camp, was to move to the north-east to complete the survey up to the Karatash Pass and towards Bulunkul. He was then to follow me to Kashgar a week in the rear. To provide against possible loss of the plane-table work so far done, through accident or Chinese interference, I photographed the section of the map that Ram Singh was to keep. My two Hunza men and Ajab Khan were discharged to their homes, cheered by the prospect of returning to their own mountains and by the substantial rolls of rupees representing their pay. Before I said goodbye to Karm Shah Beg, who in