

light sand and quite free from Yardangs. It seemed as if the originally low position, together with the direction of the bed—which differed from that of the prevailing north-east winds,—had prevented any excessive scouring by wind and driving sand; possibly erosion had been retarded by the heavy drift sand which had accumulated in the bed while desiccation proceeded. Nor was it easy to make sure in the absence of direct antiquarian evidence whether this bed existed at the time when the site was last occupied or had been formed subsequently during some temporary return of the river.