

008. Arrow-shaft with deep cord-groove. Traces of three feathers. End for head broken. Length  $16\frac{3}{8}$ " ; diam.  $\frac{5}{16}$ ".

009. Pair to 007. Metal sheet lost through loosening of end binding. Tang hole empty. Length  $11\frac{1}{8}$ " ; diam.  $\frac{1}{4}$ ".

0010. Pliers. Stick with wide groove cut longitudinally down half its length so that flat sides can easily be pinched together. Handle end keeps bark and is decorated with incised rings. Length  $3\frac{1}{2}$ " ; diam.  $\frac{5}{16}$ ". Pl. LI.

M. Tagh. b. 0012-14. Three wooden keys, for locks of type Kha. v. 006. Handles pierced for suspension; 0013 retains string, and has groove cut also round other end. There are respectively four, four, and seven pegs, of which 0012 retains two, and 0014 six. Hard and well preserved.  $4" \times 1" \times c. \frac{1}{2}"$ .

M. Tagh. b. 0015. Wooden tumbler-block for lock of type Kha. v. 006. Sides bevelled, but not ends. Five peg-holes; pegs all lost. Semicircular notch cut out of one side.  $3\frac{5}{8}" \times 1\frac{3}{8}" \times \frac{5}{8}"$ .

M. Tagh. b. 0016. Piece of dried hide, inside-out from skinning. Possibly of pig.  $1' \times c. 8"$ .

M. Tagh. b. 0017. Mass of loose string netting. Meshes about  $\frac{1}{2}"$  sq. Much decayed. C.  $1' \times 6"$ .

M. Tagh. c. 001. Wooden writing-slip (?) with string-hole like M. Tagh. a. 006, but large. Ink traces on one side.  $11\frac{1}{2}" \times 1\frac{3}{8}" \times \frac{3}{16}"$  to  $\frac{1}{16}"$ .

M. Tagh. c. 002. Pair of wooden eating-sticks (?), rounded on one side, flat on the other, tied together by

string fastened to each in a groove cut near one end. Cf. M. Tagh. a. 0019. Length  $7\frac{7}{8}"$ , width  $\frac{5}{16}"$ , thickness  $\frac{3}{16}"$ . Length of string  $1\frac{1}{8}"$ .

M. Tagh. c. 003. Bronze rivet-plate, with pins behind each corner for attachment. Slit  $\frac{1}{8}" \times \frac{3}{16}"$  parallel to one edge. Prob. part of buckle, as Kelpin. 0012.  $1\frac{1}{4}" \times 1" \times \frac{1}{8}"$ .

M. Tagh. c. 004. Knob of soft white stucco. Cf. M. Tagh. 0029; a. 0032. H.  $\frac{9}{16}"$ , diam.  $\frac{1}{16}"$ .

M. Tagh. c. 005. Tapering wooden stick, on which were strung two Chin. coins. See Appendix B; also above, p. 1287.  $4"$ . Pl. LI.

M. Tagh. c. 006. Yellow-brown pebble, smooth, water-worn. Gr. M.  $1\frac{1}{8}"$ .

M. Tagh. c. 007. Piece of white quartz (?), ground to rude disc. Diam.  $\frac{1}{16}"$ , thickness  $\frac{3}{8}"$ .

M. Tagh. c. 008. Cone-shaped piece of horn hollowed to make a funnel. Groove cut round point. Cf. Kha. ix. 0021; but here there is no stopper. Depth  $1"$ , diam.  $\frac{3}{4}"$  to  $\frac{3}{8}"$ .

M. Tagh. c. 009-11. Three wooden seal-cases. Cf. T. VIII. 5, type A; but instead of three sewn string grooves there is only one V-shaped notch in long sides. 009 and 0010 have hole through bottom; 009 is flat, sq.-cornered, and neatly bevelled at ends; well cut and preserved; 0010 and 0011 very roughly made and in bad condition, with much of sides broken away; 0010 almost cylindrical in section. 009,  $1\frac{3}{8}" \times 1" \times \frac{3}{8}"$ ; 0010,  $1\frac{7}{8}" \times 1\frac{1}{4}" \times \frac{7}{8}"$ ; 0011,  $1\frac{5}{8}" \times 1" \times \frac{5}{8}"$ .

#### UIGUR AND SOGDIAN MANUSCRIPT FRAGMENTS FROM MAZĀR-TĀGH

M. Tagh. a. 0048. Fr. of Early Sogdian (?) MS., on soft light buff paper. Remains of 2 ll. writing, faint at one end. Remainder blank.  $4\frac{3}{4}" \times 2\frac{5}{8}"$ .

M. Tagh. a. 0049. Scrap of Uigur (?) MS. on thin buff paper. Torn chars. only, belonging to 3 ll. Gr. M.  $1\frac{1}{2}"$ .

M. Tagh. a. iv. 00166. Fr. of Sogdian document. See below, Appendix F.

M. Tagh. c. i. 0071. Fr. of Uigur (?) MS. on soft buff paper. *Obv.* 7 ll. almost obliterated. *Rev.* blank.  $6" \times 3\frac{3}{8}"$ .

#### OBJECTS SAID TO HAVE BEEN BROUGHT FROM MAZĀR-TĀGH

M. Tagh. 0024. Fr. of pottery from side of rounded vessel of soft red clay covered with creamy wash, with orn. scratched with a point, wavy band and cross hatching. Gr. M.  $4\frac{3}{16}"$ .

M. Tagh. 0026. a-k. Nine beads: (a, b) Disc-shaped and cylindrical, light green paste. Diam.  $\frac{3}{16}"$ . (c, d) Spherical, dark blue glass, translucent. Diam.  $\frac{3}{16}"$ . (e, f) Disc-shaped and spherical, black paste. Diam.  $\frac{1}{4}"$ . (g) Spherical, light blue glass, translucent. Diam.  $\frac{1}{4}"$ . (h) Spherical, white glass, translucent. Diam.  $\frac{3}{16}"$ . (j) Double disc-shaped, white glass covered with lustrous

white paste. Length  $\frac{1}{4}"$ . Also (k) ring of bronze buckle, well preserved. Length  $\frac{3}{4}"$ .

Said to have been found near Mazār-tāgh (?); bought at Islāmābād.

M. Tagh. 0028. Pendant of white stone, flat lozenge-shaped, pierced at one end.  $1\frac{1}{4}" \times 1\frac{7}{8}" \times \frac{1}{4}"$ .

M. Tagh. 0029. Dome-shaped lump of chalk-like stone, with hollowed top and flat narrow base. Diam.  $\frac{1}{2}"$  to  $\frac{1}{4}"$ , H.  $\frac{3}{8}"$ .

M. Tagh. 0031. White glass bead, spherical, gilt inside. Diam.  $\frac{1}{4}"$ .