

crossing is made by a kind of small bridge
all dirty & chafers. We arrived to this place
at half past twelve & stayed till 4 awaiting
the crossing of our mules & baggage, we were
very annoyed then awaiting & incircled by
hundreds of savage arabs & hunters. At last
the Archbishop arrived from town with a
hundred persons and at 4 1/2 p.m. we crossed
the river to the other side where all the caravans
was awaiting with our tekterim & the carriage
of Mr. Prabhakaran.

22.10.900 We started all together at 5 exactly
towards the plain direct & we intended to march
till the morning as our station is about twelve
hours. Marie I mounted the horse & I walked
till 7, then Marie stayed in the tekterim & I mounted
the horse. At 10 p.m. we felt very hungry then
I gave my horse to Pysok & I entered the tekterim
where we dined & stayed uneasy till 4 a.m.
exactly when we arrived to our station
called El Looior well & we put only 11 hours
from Sir instead of 12. However we put up the
tent & tried to sleep but at 7 we were again
up as the sounds of the mules were insupportable.
At 8 we had our tea & afterward housecleaning

Roohman came to see us. We are here on the bank of the small river Khabaw which is about 25 yards large. This river comes from Abou el Ain & continues till Misadin & unites with ^{the Euphrate} and will have to cross it tomorrow in a place called Shaddadi.

At 1 p.m. we arranged again to start & hurry our journey, therefore after 5 minutes we moved & went towards a Western direction keeping on our right hand the river Khabaw for an hour. The desert here is very dry except near the bank of the river where there are very seldom some arabs with very small plantations of *Mulle* or *Edra*. The ~~Arabs~~ ^{plains} in these places are all infested with the Shammar & Singee Arabs & today at 4 p.m. we witnessed from a far distance these two renowned tribes in dispute & the Shammar people have taken many Camels etc. from the Singee & these latter were on their pursuit with hundred of horses.

Our Caravan is escorted with ten gendarmes, two of them have fallen two days ago with the greater part of the big Caravan & await for us tomorrow & now we are only with about 15 mules & 2 gendarmes. I was very tired this afternoon from this successive march but impatient