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stones high about 3 yards with holes & from there they fire on the people.

The way here is very bad & full of stones of all sizes & we met two sweet springs until we arrived near a *Yizid* village called El Jaddala. We encamped at 2 p.m. on a very sweet spring coming from the mountain but as soon as we rested we were surrounded by all the villagers which are all *Yizid* & few Arabs. All the Caravan had so much fear of these that they never tell them a word & at them came everywhere & some *Yizid* came to see & inspected every article for an hour but I was disgusted with them & asked some *Yezidians* to kick them off & they did this. At 6 p.m. *Yezid* I went to the village to see it, it is indeed very curiously built, the houses are now covered with wood & mud & large logs of wild fig trees are supporting the roof, they are dirty & all of them full of sleeping persons. At night all the Caravan kept a good watch as the *Yizid* are robbers of first rate.

26th October. At 5 a.m. we were up & packed again our luggage & tent & at 5 1/2 proceeded from

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this fearful spot of unending fighting & took
the way to Singar which is not far from here.
We marched among many stumps & ~~cracked~~ ^{cracked} places until
8 p.m. when we passed another Gidiz village
called Lijac ^{Öl} & at 9 1/2 we approached
Singar which is on the mountain & visible from
a distance of one hour & half. We encamped near
the town in a very dirty place & in a height of about
100 yards, there is here a very sweet spring & some
gardens but the inhabitants of this place are
most savage & impetuous. Though there is here a
garrison of ^{Turkish} soldiers protecting us from
the infuriated Gidiz. I had a dispute
with the head of the soldiers who objected my taking
snapshots of the places. he was so angry
that he wanted to confiscate my camera.
It is pity indeed that we are here among
such fierce worst than savages people & I
had to convince him that my camera is
merely a glass through which I only look
a little nearer than the eyes. he was obliged
to go with the fifty brute others & keep me quiet.
I cannot describe how I am disgusted here
especially from these stupid men.