

I feel taking pity on me & on Maria when I think of Sweet Europe & its liberty, I am getting so tired so tired from these hardships & separate movements. At 5 p.m. we went to see Mr. Roumani who is quite well today & he is in the village in a Khan, we passed an hour but he desired us to dine with his priests as he is invited somewhere & he likes to enjoy ourselves together. At 8 we returned to the tent & turned in.

27th October. Saturday

At 5 a.m. we were awoken & after half an hour we started towards another station keeping Lujon behind us, we descended the mountain & marched on a very stony road but soon we were on a very smooth ground & passed about three or four springs but of dirty & bitter water & we had to cross them sometimes with difficulty so much they are broad. Nothing of particular to note about the rest. At 2 1/2 p.m. we arrived at a place called El Akhar & after 9 hours march we encamped on a green place & on a spring of salt water. Near to this place there is an aban

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Some villages full of straw about ten times
all dispersed, the state of this is very remarkable.
It seems that the poor inhabitants of this village
which were perhaps 500 persons have been
attacked some weeks ago by the Chamians &
many of them have been killed & the other
after being violated very fearfully they
fled with their lives leaving the village as it
stands, it makes pity to imagine their
fate & when all the caravans rested all
the caravans remained on this village
& took as many straw as they could for
the beasts. We are here only 18 hours distance
from Moscow & hope to enter it day after
tomorrow early in the morning.

28th October. Sunday
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