

passing he immediately threw off the falcon
which soon grasped Melech Mahammed like
grim death by the neck with his talons
who unable to extricate himself when
almost at the last gasp precipitated himself
with the falcon into the lake after ^{two} or three
plunges beneath the surface the hawk
who had got out of his element and whose
feathers were all ruffled and spoiled by
the water quitted his prey and with
extreme difficulty got out of the lake. The
king was angry when he saw that he did
not fetch the quarry and told the falconer
who had charge of him that he should
suffer for having neglected the hawk. Melech
Mahammed repined quite despairing of
escaping while the king continued his diver-
sion when the king departed the falconer
whom he had chid ~~from~~ returned to the
lake thinking the bird which had been
wounded might still linger behind as
ill luck would have it he observed
Melech Mahammed on the act of taking
his flight. "Blessed be the mark" said
he here is the very bird and immediately
threw off a falcon. Melech Mahammed
saw a very large falcon pursuing him
and put all his hope in flight. The
hawk