

for the box of Medicine and showed it to the
prince that he might see with his own eyes
that he could give him no more and
to cure him said he by any other means
will be very difficult. after remaining some
time silent the shah said To gratify me
make a little more of that medicine He
answered May the King live for ever if the
plant of which it is made can be procured in
this country any where except on the hills
of Serendib The Prince asked how many
days journey it was off he answered a
whole months journey The Prince ordered
some swift runners to be brought into
the presence and asked them in how
many days they could bring him that
plant one said in twenty days The
prince said it must be brought much
quicker another said in fifteen days
The Prince said it must be brought
much sooner than that then said one
of them I will bring it in ten days
The Prince conferred on him great rewards
and presents beyond number and bade
him instantly depart The Messenger set
out with speed and flew like the swiftest
falcon and in five days he arrived.